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WITH THE FORESTERS

GEN. J. H. MITCHELL, Ionia, Mich , Commander.

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CAMPS SHOULD ORGANIZE TEAMS.

Head Consul Talbot Asks Camps to Arrange to Send a Team to St. Louis Encampment.

TO the Officers and Members of Local Camps: The outlook of the winter campaign for new members in our society is so promising, and the awakening of interest throughout the jurisdiction is so marked, that the question is presented of how to take advantage of these happy conditions for the best results to our society. While there are many avenues through which the membership of local camps may work, and different methods employed to secure members, it is essential that the officers of the local camps shall bend every effort and give much of their time and attention to this work. From a close study of the forces that compose the power and strength of the Modern Woodmen of America, there is no one single influence and help so useful and effective in the building up and sustaining a local camp in this society as a wide-awake, attentive, and faithful team of foresters. It is to this feature of active camp life that attention is called at this time. Few, if any, fraternal societies in the country have as large, well equipped and drilled body of workers, or degree teams as the Modern Woodmen of America. One of the most attractive and helpful features in a local camp for its success is the presence of a live and energetic team of foresters. In our society today we have approximately 50,000 of these drilled men who are possibly the greatest and best advertisement of our society we have. These forester teams, in addition to putting on the work of initiation in the lodge room and giving life and encouragement to the officers and Neighbors of the local camps, have a very important and controlling part in all the outdoor exercises of our society, such as drills and parades in the streets, and in all of our large picnic and outdoor demonstrations, greatly to the admiration and entertainment of the people. These services of the forester teams to the Modern Woodmen of America cannot be overestimated. In our Encampments of the foresters at our Head Camp great skill and perfection is attained by reason of the prize drills and the school in regulations and rules of regular camp life which are enforced and followed by all the teams participating in this feature of our work.

A NEBRASKA PRIVATE.

At the last Head Camp at Indianapolis several thousand of these uniformed men, with all of the equipment, usages, rules and regulations of army camp life, were assembled under special arrangements and provisions during the entire session. Competitive drills were had and tests of training and skill in the Axe Manual of this society were observed, presided over by General John H. Mitchell, Commanding the Foresters' Encampment, assisted in the matter of awarding prizes by regular army officers detailed by the government for that purpose. In the great Woodmen parade at the Head Camp these foresters in their neat and well-kept uniforms, with accurate and military precision participated with great credit and distinction to themselves and honor to the society. Nothing could have so advertised and given such prominence to our society during that week, not only at Indianapolis, but throughout the country, as did the faithful service and display of the forester teams of the Modern Woodmen of America. As this great society develops and increases in membership and power this department must also keep pace with its rapid progress. Let it be understood that future Encampments of this society are to be made illustrious and historic because of the participation of these efficient and attractive forester teams.

It is to be hoped that every camp in the jurisdiction will provide and maintain a team of foresters in whose development, success, and work its camp shall take a deep interest and have a just pride.

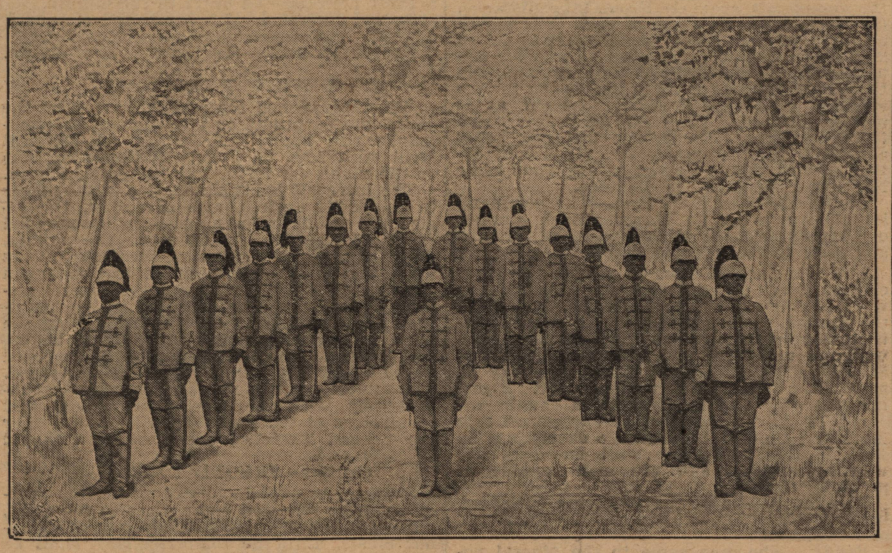
Arrangements have been made looking to the accommodation of the largest Encampment of forester teams in the history of this society at the World's fair grounds in St. Louis, beginning the first week in September. During that week there will be one day of the great fair given up to the Modern Woodmen of America, the 8th of September being designated and known as Modern Woodmen day. Upon that day it is our desire and hope that the forester teams of this society shall make the greatest demonstration and parade before the vast throng of visitors and Neighbors in attendance that has ever been produced by any civic organization.

It is to be hoped that in all cities, where there are enough teams, battalions shall be organized by the Chief Foresters with a view of maintaining their organization through this Encampment. In the country districts it is suggested that the Chief Foresters of the county or community where teams can be gotten together the battalions be organized in this manner. For full detailed instructions, how to organize battalions, and what is necessary and how to arrange for attendance at this Woodmen week in St. Louis, you are requested to write to General John H. Mitchell, Commanding Foresters' Encampment, of Ionia, Mich., who has charge as commanding officer of this Encampment, and who will gladly furnish all information desired.

It is very evident that most of the Neighbors within reasonable distance of St. Louis will want to spend considerable time at this great fair. Especially is this true of the young men of every community who will be attracted to this fair as the greatest opportunity of their lives possibly to study and know the history, resources, and achievements of the nations of the world. This movement of organized forester teams and Encampment on the World's fair grounds for a week will prove very attractive to this class of Neighbors and will permit them to attend the fair at a very low or nominal cost, aside from furnishing them an opportunity to do great good for the society. Arrangements have been made so that forester teams uniformed attending in a body will be provided with accommodations such as tents and lodging free on the ground, where meals will be served at the low rates of from twenty-five cents up, and it is expected that one admission to the fair will be sufficient for the entire week of the Encampment. Full explanation of these matters can be had upon application to General Mitchell. It will cost but little to equip and uniform a team of foresters sufficient for camp work and for participating in this World's fair occasion. Uniforms can be had at from $3.50 to $15 apiece. The $3.50 uniform is very attractive, strong and suitable for the work. Full information concerning the cost and character of uniforms can be had by writing Major C. W. Hawes, Head Clerk, Rock Island, Ill.

I appeal to every camp in the jurisdiction to at once take up the matter of sending its team to St. Louis and if possible provide ways and means for this purpose. Those who have no team should at once begin the organization and equipment of such team with a view of pushing the work forward and strengthening this great society in every department. Let there be a general rallying cry of "On to St. Louis," and let every camp and every officer and member use every honorable effort to advance this department of our camp life and thus help bring to the Modern Woodmen of America the greatest possible good. Fraternally submitted,

A. R. TALBOT,
Head Consul, M. W. of A.



NATIONAL DRILL CHAMPIONS—WOODMEN FORESTERS.

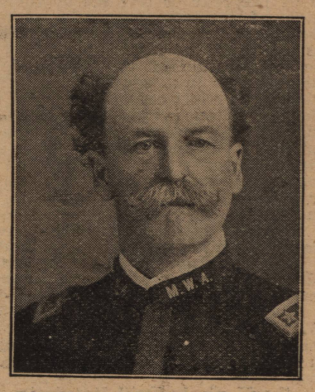
The Foresters team of Camp No. 3663, Kansas City, Mo., Captain J. W. Fryer, last won and is now the holder of the national drill championship. The score made by the team was 98.52 out of a possible 100 per cent. This team will be required to defend its title at the Woodmen Foresters Encampment to be held in September, 1904, on the grounds of the St. Louis World's Fair.

A MICHIGAN PRIVATE.

J. T. Jerone, Stillwater, Okla.: "In looking over the last copy of the Modern Woodman, I find it more interesting than ever. I hope you will continue to print it in this way. Woodmen are still alive in Oklahoma. The change in rate only makes it easier to get members.

Foresters at World's Fair.

Neighbors, do you realize that the M. W. of A. Uniformed Foresters have come to be recognized as one of the foremost of the semi-military organizations of the United States, and that their exhibition drills have a national reputation as a field attraction? The ceremonies' committee of the St. Louis fair do. They offer free quarters, cots, blankets and bath rooms, for nine days on one admission to all properly uniformed and equipped teams entering through the foresters' headquarters for service at the World's fair in the first week of September, 1904. On that occasion your camp cannot afford to be without its uniformed representatives. An offer so liberal as that on the part of the World's fair authorities is practical proof



GEN. JOHN H. MITCHELL, Commanding Foresters.

of their estimate of the value of M. W. of A. forester teams as an attractive and entertaining feature of the greatest exhibition of the century. A roster of teams there on duty should show the number of every live camp within reaching distance; and the transportation rates which will be offered make reaching distance cover most of the territory under the M. W. of A. jurisdiction. On review day, and that of the general parade, as you stand, with a hundred thousand other Woodmen spectators, put yourself in position to wait for, look for and applaud the appearance of the uniformed men of your own camp. You will regret it if you do not.

JOHN H. MITCHELL,
Maj. Gen. Commanding.

Forward, Guide Right, Woodmen.

By J. T. Chapman, Albany, N. Y., Royal Oak Camp 10188.

Music—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Forward, guide right, Woodmen,
Keep this truth in view:
He who builds the order
Helps his Neighbor too.
Firm, united ever,
In one endless chain,
Heed our captain's wishes,
Pass them on again:
Forward, guide right, Woodmen,
Keep this truth in view:
He who builds the order
Helps his Neighbor too.

Tell it out to hundreds,
Struggling in a mist,
They can be adopted,
If you but persist.
Change their night of darkness
Into clouds of day,
Send them with this message
Gladly on their way:
Forward, etc.

All must join their efforts,
In one grand combine;
Victory's just before us,
Step by step we climb.
Ope the doors of Woodcraft,
Let the people know,
Happiness and comfort
We on all bestow.
Forward, etc.

General Order No. 32.

Headquarters Major General Commanding, M. W. of A. Foresters—Ionia, Mich., Jan. 15, 1904.—The following and annexed are hereby authorized as the suggestions and adaptation of the U. S. Infantry school of the battalion to the foresters' battalion formation, and as such are hereby officially promulgated. By command of

MAJOR GENERAL MITCHELL.
M. W. SAXON,
Brig. Gen. and Adj. Gen.

SCHOOL OF THE BATTALION.

Suggestions for the adaptation of the U. S. Infantry Drill Regulations to the work of the M. W. of A. Uniformed Foresters when in battalion formation.

It should be understood that this is no attempt to rewrite the drill regulations and it is expected that battalion commanders will be able, as to most paragraphs, to adapt them to their work with uniformity and precision without such rewriting and only such paragraphs will be referred to as to the operation of which there might be confusion or difference of opinion on the part of battalion commanders in making the adaptation to M. W. A. work.

It should be borne in mind by battalion commanders and instructors that the U. S. A. regulations were written for a double rank formation, with file closers, and an interval between men when in line. The M. W. A. work contemplates a single rank formation of three sets of fours or more, with elbow touching.

These directions apply to interpretations of the regulations as to parades, guard mount, and all ceremonies. Ranks will be opened from single rank as provided for in the M. W. A. Drill Manual.

The particular design in the present instance is directed towards close order formation.

It is not expected that with formations of twelve or sixteen file front, that much attention will be paid to platoon movements.

Where paragraphs in the school of the battalion as laid down in the Infantry Drill Regulations of the U. S. A. are not referred to herein, it is expected that the commanding officer of the battalion is able to apply those sections without further interpretations than given in these suggestions.

A "permanent battalion" is one formed under and in compliance with G. O. No. 25, and that has been officially recognized as such. A "provisional battalion" is one formed at encampments from teams reporting for duty who are not attached to any permanent battalion. No difference is recognized in rank, grade, or seniority of officers, as between permanent and provisional battalions.

In foresters' battalion drill, teams will be termed and designated as companies.

The right file of the first set of fours becomes right guide of the company and the left file of the rear or left set of fours, the left guide of the company. In successive formations or any other movement where it becomes necessary to throw the guides upon the line in advance of the company, such right file of the first set of fours or left file of the rear or left set of fours will break from their position in the line, or column, returning to their place at the command "Guides' post." In movements not requiring the guides to be thrown on the line in advance of the company, they maintain their position in their set of fours. Whenever each company in the battalion is strong enough to present a proper front of not less than sixteen file in addition to the right and left guides, they may use such guides and the above direction in regard to movements of file from the right and left or front and rear set of fours becomes inoperative and the U. S. A. Infantry Drill Regulations control. Companies in battalion formation must be uniform in the use or non-use of extra files as guides.

Where the U. S. A. Drill Regulations provide for the changing of file closers from one flank to the other, the instructions naturally become inoperative in forester battalion movements.

Whenever the Drill Regulations give directions for the position of officers or non-commissioned officers not provided for by the M. W. A. Foresters' Regulations, the paragraph to that extent, and to that extent only, becomes inoperative.

In changing direction it is permissible to use the "wheel" or turn as given in the M. W. A. Drill Manual instead of the "turn" prescribed by the U. S. A. Drill Regulations; this is at the option of the battalion commander. But companies in battalions must act uniformly in the matter.

Where the number of the section is given, no further reference is made except as the instruction deemed necessary regarding the interpretation of such section.

Equalization of companies is usually made only for purposes of drill, to prevent unnecessary movements of guides in preserving trace and distance; and is not necessary where there is only slight discrepancy in sizes of companies.

(253) It is better not to attempt the equalization of companies in provisional battalions by transfer from one team to another as the teams usually come from distinct camps and unnecessary friction would be occasioned by such transfer except for the temporary purpose of a single practice drill. In all formations for ceremonies, the company formation will remain unbroken, except the discrepancy be enormous and the company commanders desire the equalization. The assignment of teams to positions from right to left should be upon the seniority of camps from which the teams hail and not that of the company commanders. These suggestions are made applicable to the whole of paragraph 253. Companies are, however, designated by successive numbers upon drill as provided in U. S. A. Drill Regulations, at the option of the commanding officer of the battalion upon drill. In official reports they will be designated by their camp number.

(254) The formation of a color guard is not obligatory. With permanent battalions, it may be formed at the option of the battalion commander, reporting his action to the Major General Commanding Foresters, who will then make adaptation in the battalion drill. In provisional battalions color guards will be formed only upon the authority of the Major General Commanding Foresters.

(262) What has already been said regarding the equalization in regard to paragraph 252 applies to paragraph 262.

(263) Owing to the single rank formation of the foresters without file closers, this paragraph is not deemed applicable to the work of the foresters in the school of the battalion.

(264) Remarks in the last paragraph regarding 263 are also applicable to paragraph 264.

(265) The M. W. A. Foresters' Axe Manual supplants and supersedes paragraphs 265, 266, 267, 268 and 269.

(280) The directions in this paragraph are necessarily subjected to the general directions regarding formations.

The intervals between flanks of companies in line is three paces; in column the distance between companies is company front and three paces; in close column five paces, instead of distance provided in the U. S. A. Drill Regulations.

The distance between guides of different companies arriving successively on the line should be four paces.

In column of fours, leading and rear guides should march one pace in advance and in rear, respectively, of their companies and the leading guides of rear companies should march one pace in rear of the guide of preceding company, in order to leave the interval of two paces between companies when line is formed from column of fours; provided, however, this does not apply with companies whose right and left guides are the right and left files of the company, as such files would remain with their set of fours in column of fours and the distance between companies would be three paces.

General Order No. 31.

Headquarters Major General Commanding M. W. A. Foresters—Ionia, Mich., Jan. 14, 1904.—The following and annexed is hereby authorized as the "Manual of Physical Exercises for Uniformed Foresters," and as such is hereby officially promulgated. By command of

MAJOR GENERAL MITCHELL.
M. W. SAXON,
Brig. Gen. and Adj. Gen.

PHYSICAL EXERCISE WITH AXE.

The objects of this drill are to make the foresters quick and proficient in the handling of the axe; to give exercise to the proper muscles tending towards an erect and soldierly bearing; it is also attractive as a display movement. It can be executed by the team or in battalion formation, with the time given by drum beat or to music. The piano or organ can be used in the drill room, and a band upon the field; the latter being desirable where the movement is executed by a full battalion. Any music of the proper cadence may be used but certain popular airs have been found particularly adapted to the work and reference under the proper heading is made regarding them.

Team or battalion ranks are first opened, which may be by the flank or the front. In taking intervals and distances, the nominal interval and distance when the axe is carried is four paces.

To Take Intervals by the Flank.—One. Being in a line at a halt to take intervals by the flank, the commands are given: (1) To the right (or left), take intervals, (2) March. At the first command, the man on the left stands fast, the other men face to the right and step off; each man halting and facing the front when he has the proper interval.

To Assemble by the Flank.—The command is: (1) To the right (or left), Assemble, (2) March. The front rank man on the right (or left) stands fast, the other men close to their proper places.

To Take Distance to the Front.—Being in a line at a halt and having counted fours, the commands are: (1) Front take distance, (2) March. Number one of each four moves straight to the front; number two moves straight to the front as soon as number one has advanced the specified distance; numbers three and four move off in succession in like manner, each line dressing to right as it moves forward. Files do not cover from front to rear. The proper distance being obtained, the command is: (1) Team, (2) Halt, which may be given at any time after No. 4 has obtained the distance.

To Assemble to the Front.—The command is: (1) Assemble, (2) March. Each number one stands fast, the other men move forward and close to their proper places.

The team should first be taught the exercise in detail by the numbers and then to work in cadence at the command, "Continue the Motion." Such variations from the regular order of the drill as the instructor may wish are permitted and with increasing proficiency, frequent and rapid changes may be made from one movement to another. Pleasing accuracy and spirited drills can be secured by having musical accompaniment to mark the time, but the music should not be used until after the several exercises are well understood, and the men capable of prompt execution.

To execute any of the following exercises, being at the order, caution "by the numbers" and command:

Ready. The men come to the pivotal position.

Two. Bring the axe quickly to a horizontal position in front of the body, blade downward, right hand grasping the small of the stock, left hand back to the front at or near the axe head, and both arms at their full extent without deranging the erectness of the body.

The position of "Ready" may be taken from the order or right shoulder.

FIRST EXERCISE.

One. Bend quickly to the front with the arms and knees straight and lower the axe so that the edge of the blade will nearly touch the ground.

Two. Raise and swing the axe above the head, reaching well to the front in so doing. Keep arms and knees straight and direct eyes towards axe.

Three. Bend the arms and drop axe to the shoulders behind the neck, force the chest well forward and eyes directed to the front.

Four. Resume second position smartly.

Five. Bring the axe to the ready.

Halt. Bring the axe to the pivotal position and then to the order.

SECOND EXERCISE.

Ready. As explained, except to carry the left foot about 15 inches to the left.

One. Swing the axe sideways to the right to a horizontal position above the head, butt leading, with arms straight and wrists bent back, body turned on the hips to the right, back hollowed, eyes directed to axe, and knees braced up, rising well upon the left toe, keeping the right foot flat upon the ground.

Two. Swing the axe down with the blade leading, and up to the left as in one, substitute left for right and vice versa.

Three. Swing the axe down to the ready position.

Halt. As in the First Exercise, bringing the heels together.

THIRD EXERCISE.

Ready. As explained.

Right Lunge. Keeping the left foot flat on the ground, and the left leg straight, lunge to the right about 36 inches, the right leg from the knee downward to be perpendicular, body turned to the right and bent backward from the hips; at the same time throw the axe to a horizontal position and parallel with the shoulders above the head, wrists bent back, eyes directed to the axe.

Two. Without bending the left leg, spring to "Ready" position.

Front Lunge. As in right lunge, but lunging to the front 36 inches with the right foot.

Two. As before in this Exercise.

Left Lunge. As in right lunge, substitute left for right and vice versa. Step off with left foot.

Two. As before in this exercise.

Halt. As in First Exercise.

In making the above lunges, the leading foot must point in the direction given, the heel of the rear foot kept firm on the ground, rear knee braced back.

At the command (1) "Third Exercise," (2) "Continue the motion," (3) "Ready," this exercise may be executed by giving the commands: Right, Front, Left, at the start, when the motions will be repeated in the above order as often as required. If the commands, Left, Front, Right, be given, the left leg will be used in lunging to the left and to the front and the right leg to the right.

Halt. As in First Exercise.

FOURTH EXERCISE.

Ready. As explained.

One. Throw the axe out to the front, arms straight, backs of the hands up and in line with the shoulders, edge of the blade to the front.

Two. Bring the axe smartly to the breast, above six inches below the chin, elbows close to the sides, edge of the blade upwards, force chest well forward.

Right Lunge. While at two, lunge to the right as in Third Exercise, body and head turned to the right but kept erect; at the same time throw the axe out to the front.

Two. Bring the axe smartly to the breast, as in the beginning, without changing the position of feet.

About. While at two, raise toes and by a quick movement turn left about on heels, reversing position of the legs, viz: the left knee bent, the right leg straight, throwing the axe out as before, but to the left.

Two. Bring the axe smartly to the breast as before.

Recover. Bring the right heel to the left and turning to the front, throw the axe out as before.

Two. Back to the breast as before.

Three. From two drop axe to ready position.

Halt. As explained.

In this exercise, one, two, will be repeated in each position as often as required.

Each of the above exercises will be repeated a certain number of times either by numbers or by the command (1) "Exercise," (2) "Continue the motion," (3) "Ready."

Any slow march is applicable to the First, Second, and Third Exercises, when performed to music, and any quick-step to the Fourth. On the U. S. F. S. Philadelphia and in the 20th U. S. Infantry, where this physical drill has been well tested, the airs in greatest favor were respectively: "Daisy Bell," the "See-Saw Waltz," "Two Little Girls in Blue," and "The Sidewalks of New York."

First Exercise—64 beats to the minute.
Second Exercise—42 beats to the minute.
Third Exercise—64 beats to the minute.
Fourth Exercise—128 beats to the minute.

REVIEW EXERCISES.

When performed for review, either by the team, the battalion, or the brigade, the commands will be: (1) Attention, (2) Physical Drill with Axe, (3) Front take distance, (or) to the right, (or left), take intervals, March.

The intervals being taken, and if the officer in command desires, also corrected, the instructor or officer commanding will command (1) First Exercise, (2) Continue the motion, (3) Ready. At the signal of three slow beats upon the drum, or similar indications upon the musical instrument used, the several motions of ready will be executed with promptness and exactness. At the third beat the band will begin to play, or the music begun, and continue until the exercise is repeated about eight times and the music finished. The men commence the exercise simultaneously with the music and should find themselves at the ready when it ceases. For the Second Exercise, one more beat should be given.

Caution—SECOND EXERCISE.

Ready. As explained. To music, the exercise will be repeated eight times to the right, and eight times to the left, alternately; without music, until the command Halt shall be given.

Caution—THIRD EXERCISE.

Ready. As explained. Lunge to the right, then front, then left, and repeat until music ceases or signal is given which should be after the lunge to the front. To reverse the order and commence with the left foot, give the caution, left lunge.

Caution—FOURTH EXERCISE.

Ready. As explained. When performed to music, repeat four times in each position; i. e., to the front four times, to the right four times, to the left five times and in recovering again to the front four times. Halt. As explained.

With or without music, any exercise may be stopped by signaling Halt, with bugle, sword or whistle, at which the men will come to ready and then to order and remain at attention unless otherwise directed.

When obliged to correct the position of a forester, or any other error, it is advised to let the team or battalion stand at ease.

Competitions between different teams or battalions of the same force which have become very proficient, can be conducted without ceasing by simply cautioning "First and Second Exercises combined" and giving the command "Change" at the end of First Exercise. Each is repeated eight times, i. e., as to the Second Exercise, eight to the right and eight to the left.

Judgment must be used to avoid distaste which will result from fatigue at first, as all of the muscles are actively employed. It is strongly advised that the exercises should be increased in duration and in the demands upon the muscles of the foresters by easy gradation and frequent rests given until the foresters have become proficient in the physical drill and accustomed to the work and its demands upon their muscles.

General Order No. 34.

Headquarters Major General Commanding M. W. A. Foresters—Ionia, Mich., January 28, 1904.—The following and annexed revision of the rules and form of score card for M. W. of A. Foresters' prize drills are hereby approved and officially promulgated. By command of

MAJOR GENERAL MITCHELL.
M. W. SAXON,
Brig. Gen. and Adj. Gen.

RULES FOR INSPECTION AND COMPETITIVE DRILLS.

The following rules shall govern all national encampments of the Modern Woodmen of America Foresters, and other occasions of like character whenever the Major General commanding may direct, and shall supersede and take the place of all rules heretofore given as official under the head of "General Rules Governing Competitive Drills," on pages 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Official Drill and Axe Manual, volume II.

1. The score card, shown herewith, shall also be the official program, and no other program shall be issued. The program is divided into two parts—inspection and drill movements—and will be followed in the order shown thereon by Chief Foresters, inspectors and judges, viz.: First part—Inspection—(1) Chief Forester; (2) Alignment; (3) General Appearance; (4) Uniform; (5) Position in Axe Manual. Second part—Drill and Movements—(1) Formation of Team; (2) Execution of Axe Manual Movements; (3) Formation of Letters of the Order; (4) Execution of Manual Movements; (5) Distance, Foot Action and Cadence. Immediately following the close of the first part (inspection) teams will be judged in the second part (drill and movements).

2. A time allowance of fifteen minutes will be given for the execution of the second part of the program, said time allowance to count from the command of the assistant Chief Forester to "fall in" for formation of team, the first number on the second part of the program. Time will be promptly called at the expiration of fifteen minutes, and judges will not consider any movements made after the time allowance is completed.

3. All teams and Chief Foresters not complying strictly with these rules will be penalized by the judges in scoring.

4. Under no circumstances shall the Chief Forester so far forget himself as to argue any point with the judges while on the drill ground, and any infraction of this rule will subject his team to a penalty of ten points, to be deducted from the total score.

5. The judging of the Drill and Axe Manual shall be in accordance with these rules, the official score card and program, and the movements provided in the Official Drill and Axe Manual, vol. II.

6. All movements other than those contained in the Official Drill and Axe Manual, vol. II, are barred, and will not be judged or receive any consideration. Any team violating this rule will be subject to a protest, such protest to be filed with the judges at the conclusion of the drill of that team, and before the score has been made up by the judges for said team. No verbal protest will be given consideration if not written and filed with judges before copy of the score is delivered to Chief Forester. Protests, signed by a Chief Forester or acting Chief Forester, must be in writing, and must designate the particular movement objected to. Any team so protested, shall, if so requested by the judges, repeat the movement or movements objected to, and the decision of the judges in relation thereto shall be final.

7. In all competitive drills, the Chief Forester or acting Chief Forester shall carry a sword, and will be scored upon his proficiency in the sword manual. (See page 10, Official Drill and Axe Manual, vol. II.)

8. Teams entering contests shall consist of not more than seventeen men, including the Chief Forester, nor less than thirteen men, including the Chief Forester; excepting in the pony class when they shall consist of nine men, including the Chief Forester.

9. The Chief Forester will be permitted to select and combine any movements shown in the Official Drill and Axe Manual, vol. II, provided that he must conform to these rules and the score card or program.

10. Teams, to enter in the senior, junior or pony classes, must be composed of members in good standing in the camp in whose name they are entered. Any team violating this rule will not be permitted to drill if the fact is known, and in the event of winning a prize will forfeit same.

11. No drum or other music will be permitted in competitive drills.

12. Upon arrival of the teams at the camp grounds, each Chief Forester will be provided with a copy of camp orders regarding details of drill regulations, which will contain the time and place his team will report for drill.

13. Failure to report at the time specified in said camp orders, unless an extension of time has been granted, in writing, by the Adjutant General, deprives such delinquent team of its place on the drill schedule.

14. In order to secure an extension of time the team captain must apply to the Adjutant

General at least one hour before the time assigned his team for drill, and give good and sufficient reason, in writing, acceptable to the Adjutant General, for such extension.

15. Teams located in the cities where competitive drills are held, will not be barred when the Major General commanding selects the judges, but will be when judges are selected by the local committee.

16. The length of the full step in quick time is thirty inches, measured from heel to heel, and the cadence rs 120 steps to the minute. In executing display and manual movements the step may be shortened without changing cadence.

17. Foresters drilling the manual movements must drill with elbows touching, but locking of arms will subject the team to a penalty in their scoring.

18. During the absence of the Chief Forester, the Assistant Chief Forester shall succeed to all the duties and authority of Chief Forester. Whenever the Assistant Chief Forester is so in command of the team, the right file of the team shall perform the duties prescribed for the Assistant Chief Forester.

Official Score Card and Program.

..... Camp No. .....

..... Chief Forester

of .....State of .....

INSPECTION. Possible Total—15.	Score.	REMARKS.	Judges.	Clerk.	1904.
Chief Forester—3					
Alignment—3					
General Appearance—3					
Uniform—3					
Position in Axe Manual—3					
Inspection—Total Score					
DRILL AND MOVEMENTS. Possible Total—85.					
Formation of Team—5					
Execution of Axe Manual Movements—22½					
Formation of Letters of Order—10					
Execution of Manual Movements—25					
Distance, Foot Action, and Cadence—22½					
Drill and Movements—Total Score					
Grand Total, Inspection and Drill					
DEDUCTIONS—PENALTIES. Possible Total—35.					
For Team of 12 Men—5					
Action of Chief Forester—10					
Execution of Non-Manual Movements—20					
Deductions—Total					
Score of Team (Less Deductions)					

Date .....

HOW TO REPORT TEAM TO JUDGES FOR INSTRUCTION FOR FORMATION, INSPECTION AND COMPETITIVE DRILL.

(Note.—Paragraphs, figures and plates mentioned herein refer to the Official Drill and Axe Manual, Vol. II.)

The captain will march his team onto the drill ground to about fifteen paces in front of the judges, dress the team, take his position two paces in front of the center of the team, face the team, and give the command: (1) "Present," (2) "Axe." He will then about face, salute the judge with the sword salute,

and say: "Sir, ... (giving the name and number of his team) reports for inspection and competitive drill." The inspecting officer will then order the captain to prepare his team for inspection. The captain will then turn, facing the team, and give the command: (1) Order, (2) Axe, then face the judge and as soon as his sword has been inspected will return the sword and accompany the inspector. The inspector will then go to the right of the line and examine the team on the following points: Alignment, the position of attention, the position of the axe at the order, general appearance, condition of uniforms, at the same time asking how long the uniform has been worn and whether or not it is used in lodge work. The inspector, after passing along the front of the line, will pass along the rear, from left to right as per Fig. 1, Plate 67. The captain will then take his position one pace to the right of line and three paces to the front, facing down the line, draw sword and command: (1) Open ranks, (2) March, as per Fig. 2, Plate 67. At the command March even numbers stand fast, the odd numbers taking four steps to make the wheel around the even numbers on their left (the right foot should be on the line at the fourth count), then stepping off with the left foot take three full paces to the rear, halt and about face. Ten counts completes the open ranks movement. Both ranks dress to the right and each forester will observe that the proper distance is taken between files. The captain will step to the right of each rank and verify the alignment. He will then return to his position in front and command: (1) Front (Fig. 2, Plate 67). Then: (1) Inspection, (2) Axe, and returns sword. The foresters stand fast until the inspector, accompanied by the captain (Fig. 3, Plate 68), steps in front of No. 1 of the front rank, who will then execute port axe. The inspector will then take the axe and examine it, the forester dropping his hands to his sides. The inspector will return the axe at the position of port. The forester will return the axe promptly to the order. Each forester will do the same as the inspector approaches until the whole line is inspected. The inspector may take the axe or pass a forester with a salute of the hand. The inspector and captain will then pass along the lines, as shown in Fig. 3, Plate 68, returning to the position as shown in Fig. 4, Plate 68, and as the inspector arrives at his post, the captain will draw his sword, and give the command: (1) Close ranks, (2) March. The rear rank foresters will then oblique to their places in line. The captain will dress the line and take his place in center and in front of the team and direct his assistant Chief Forester to dismiss the team (Par. 85). The foresters will remain on the drill ground in the immediate vicinity and when the judges have notified the captain that they are ready for the second part of the program or score card, the captain will then direct the Assistant Chief Forester to form the team (Par. 84). The captain will then take command and drill the team in the order of the program printed and according to the rules.

EXECUTION OF THE AXE MANUAL.

In order to score the possible 22½ points allowed for the execution of the Axe Manual, all of the following movements, by the numbers and without the numbers, must be given and, though the order in which given need not conform to this list, none should be omitted. All movements should be in compliance with plates shown in the Official Drill and Axe Manual, Vol. II, without deviation. For the omission of any movement by the numbers or without the numbers, a penalty of one point will be deducted from the total score for each movement omitted, except that of forming the letters of the order with the axe, for the omission of which two points will be deducted. The formation of letters of the order with the axe does not apply to the pony teams.

By the numbers:
- Order axe.
- Right shoulder axe.
- Port axe.
- Carry axe.
- Secure axe.
- Ground axe.
- Left shoulder axe.
- Present axe.

Without the numbers:
- Order axe.
- Right shoulder axe.
- Port axe.
- Carry axe.
- Secure axe.
- Ground axe.
- Left shoulder axe.
- Present axe.
- Parade rest.
- Attention.
- Form the letters with axes.

The following advice has been given with reference to kickers: "Kickers, like an incipient fire, ought to be jumped on and stamped out. If allowed to run they will do as much harm as an unchecked blaze."

EXCERPTS FROM DECISIONS.

Of Interest to Judges, Chief Foresters and Others.

Question.—Having only twelve in a team, is it permissible to execute movements by "threes" instead of by "fours" as laid down in the Drill Manual?

Answer.—Yes.

Q.—What drill are we expected to execute? Can we use one of our own?

A.—In foresters' prize drills, all movements other than those contained in the Official Drill and Axe Manual, Vol. II, are barred.

Q.—If from the Manual, how much and what part, pages, etc.?

A.—The selection is left to the judgment of the Chief Forester.

Q.—Are military regulations to govern movements, time, cadence, etc.?

A.—Yes, except as otherwise provided by the Drill Manual.

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Q.—What constitutes the formation of the letters of the order?

A.—The formations are two, as shown in the Manual, upon either of which ten points may be given. If paragraphs 268 to 273, illustrated by Plates 65 and 66, are used, the letters "M. W. of A." are necessary; but if the letters in the fancy drill described on pages 145 to 147 of the Manual, Plates 6, 7 and 8, are used, the letters "M. W. A." are sufficient to secure a possible marking of ten points.

Q.—Does the formation of the letters of the order as given in the Manual by columns of fours shut out teams of thirteen men?

A.—No. While all plates shown in the Manual provide for columns of fours and sixteen men, both sets of letters therein can be made by thirteen men, in columns of threes.

Q.—In drilling manual of arms by the numbers, does "Parade Rest" break the numbers?

A.—Yes. The caution "by the numbers" should be given to continue the numbers after resuming attention.

Q.—In marching in column of files, to form columns of fours (Par. 101) at the command "March" should the leading file of the first four halt without coming to the order?

A.—Yes, in movements in Drill and Axe Manual.

Q.—Should the Assistant Chief Forester, after reporting the roll call, being at right shoulder, march to the right of the line, come to the order, and face and dress up to the line?

A.—No. There are many similar movements in the Manual where this question and the answer here given will apply. I must hold to the opinion that the movement must be completed before coming to the order.

Q.—How should the halt be executed on the march backward?

A.—Give command: (1) Foresters, (2) Halt, giving the command "Halt" as the right foot strikes the ground, an additional step being taken, the same as in the halt when marching forward. (See Par. 30A.)

Q.—If the inspecting officer should ask a forester questions about his axe or uniform when the team is being inspected, should the forester answer the questions?

A.—Yes. The inspecting officer is entitled to the information, and he is, for the time being, in command of the organization. If a man is asked a question he should answer, keeping his head to the front, holding the attention, and preserving his position.

Q.—In forming the team has the Assistant Chief Forester, preparatory to turning the team over to the Chief Forester, authority or occasion to at any time "dress" the team?

A.—No.

Q.—Has the Chief Forester at any time during a competitive drill the privilege of "dressing" the team?

A.—Yes, at such times as provided by the Drill and Axe Manual in the movements being executed.

Q.—In the ceremony of inspection in open rank, when the team "dresses" to the right without command, does not the Chief Forester always verify the rear rank first?

A.—Yes.

Q.—At what time in the ceremony of inspection, and how, is the Chief Forester's sword and equipment inspected?

A.—Plate 67, Fig. 1 on page 135 of the Drill Manual describes perfectly this inspection of the captain's sword and shows that the inspector, facing the company after formation (see "How to report team to the judges") approaches the captain and inspects his sword, and as soon as his sword is inspected the captain returns it to its scabbard and accompanies the inspector. The diagram on page 135 shows the exact movements of inspector and captain from this point, along the front and rear of company.

Q.—What is the interpretation of "Position in Axe Manual" as shown in the score cards?

A.—This score of a possible three points is given (a) for position of the axe at the order; (b) for position at port axe; and also all movements provided in Drill Manual, page 203, after the command: (1) Inspection, (2) Axe, until the inspector returns to his post, as is shown in Plate 68, Fig. 3, on page 136.

Q.—Can the Chief Forester change the position of the axe while on the march, by command?

A.—Yes. But any change of position of the axe on the march will not apply to the Axe Manual, but will apply to the Manual movement being executed when such change of position is made.

Q.—Should a captain hold any schedule in his hand while drilling in competitive contest? Will it count against him or his team?

A.—While this is not covered by the Manual, and rests with the judges entirely, I would advise that it is not good form, as captains are expected to drill without any such aids.

Q.—Must a captain go to the center and front of his team to give commands, if the judges order him to do so?

A.—The judges will hardly depart from the rules laid down in the Manual in this particular, which should be followed.

Q.—Would the non-use of chevrons by men count against any team in scoring?

A.—Yes, unless General Order No. 11 should hereafter be continued in force, which is not probable.

Q.—Can a team wear the same uniform in the contest that is worn by the men in the camp?

A.—Unless your team is provided with two sets of uniforms, it will certainly be necessary for them to wear the same uniform in contest as in camp. The regulations require that uniforms be worn at all times during the encampment.

Q.—Does the Assistant Chief Forester, upon returning to the line, become No. 1 of the first set of fours (or threes)?

A.—Yes. (See Par. 84, page 33, Drill and Axe Manual, Vol. II.)

Q.—What does "General Appearance" signify in the score card?

A.—Condition as to cleanliness, neatness, and uniformity of dress and equipment.

Q.—In drill should the position of the axe be at the carry or at right shoulder?

A.—The Manual does not specify any hard and fast rule. We would recommend that in movements such as "On right into line and face to the rear," Plate 3, Fig. 1, Par. 171, of Drill Manual, and other similar movements where the team halts the axe should be at right shoulder (see par. 40, page 19 of Manual). The movement of the axe should apply in such cases to the movement being executed and not to the Axe Manual. The judges may discriminate in favor of the right shoulder as against that of the carry in these movements in scoring.

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Q.—To form line to the left (Par. 267g, Plate 63, Fig. 2) when does the fourth and second sets of fours halt?

A.—Command: (1) Form line to the left, (2) March. At the command "March" the fourth and second sets of fours wheel to the left and halt upon completion of the wheel. The first and third sets of fours wheel to the left and move up on line with the second and fourth sets of fours and halt. All dress to the left without command. The captain verifies the line and gives the command "Front."

Q.—(Par. 260) What is intended by reference in this paragraph to (Par. 48)?

A.—This is a typographical error. Should read (Par. 80).

General Orders.

The following extracts from General Orders applicable to competitive drills are of special interest to judges, Chief Foresters and foresters:

General Order No. 7.—That there may be no misunderstanding by the judges, Chief Foresters or others interested, the following is declared to be the official interpretation of the allowance on the score card in "Drill Movements" of ten points for "Formation of Letters of the Order."

The formation of the letters with the axe

is hereby interpreted to be included in the allowance of a possible 22½ points for "Execution of Axe Manual Movements," and the possible 10 points allowed for "Formation of Letters of Order" in the line following on the score card is held to refer to and mean the formation of letters of the order by foot movements in drill.

General Order No. 11.—Par. 19, page 16, Drill and Axe Manual, Vol. II, requires that the Assistant Chief Forester "may wear on his arm the emblem of Woodcraft." Such emblem is hereby designated to be the crossed axes, blades pointing outward, with helve about three and one-half inches long, and must be worn.

Team Organization.

Des Moines, Ia.—I think it is well to organize teams along military lines. The Head Camp by-laws provide that the venerable consul of the camp appoint the chief forester, who is called captain by way of courtesy in team of twelve or sixteen men. The captain selects his team from the members of the camp. Often he has to get men to join the society to go on the team and if he can't get what he wants in the camp he must work up good fellows and have them join. It is good for them and good for the order. As to team organization: For a team of sixteen men I suggest that the captain should appoint, besides the assistant chief (or first sergeant as is the military designation) and who keeps the roll book and such duties as given in the Drill Manual, a quartermaster-sergeant, who should have charge of the uniforms and other property. The manual specifies the first sergeant drills No. 1 of the first four. He should be capable of drilling the team, as in the absence of the captain he is in command. The quartermaster-sergeant may be placed in the line according to height, but a good place is No. 1 of the third four. The uniforms are assigned to the men by the quartermaster. He should keep a uniform book, having every piece stenciled with a number, and when a uniform is given a man, note in the book the number of each piece given him. In this way it is easy to find out who are careless about their uniforms and leave them lying around. Four corporals should be appointed who drill No. 4 of each four. They are the guides of the fours. In making up the roll the first sergeant's name is the first on the list, then the quartermaster, then the senior corporal, followed by the others, then the foresters arranged alphabetically. Extra men or substitutes in a list at the end arranged in order of seniority. These noncommissioned officers should wear on their sleeves the chevrons of their rank in the M. W. A. Get young fellows for the team who are not afraid of a little work and who can and will attend drills. If you can't find them in the camp, find them on the outside and get them to join to go on the team. Keep on the hunt for good material. You should have three or four extra men learning the drill to fill any vacancies. It helps to keep the old men working, if there is a recruit to put in his place if he don't attend to business. As there is a lot of work connected with a drill team it is no more than fair that the men should play even on the expense of dues, car fare, etc., if the camp can possibly afford it. I think the best way is to pay the foresters for every night they work as shown by the roll call, and let them pay their assessments and dues same of the other Neighbors. If they don't work regularly they won't be paid their dues, when they haven't earned it. Yours,

WM. T. LIGGET,
Capt. U. S. Grant Team, 708.

Making a Successful Team.

Kansas City, Mo.—In regard to the forester teams I would say the chief difficulty is in making a drill team successful. To do this a captain should use great care in selecting his men. He should be very careful to select men who are of a disposition to take an interest in the work. He must then take pains to instruct the men and to interest them in the work. If a man in the ranks is deserving of praise, do not fail to let him know you are aware of the fact. He will then redouble his efforts. To praise your men makes them feel that you appreciate their efforts. I have found it a good plan to organize a drill team into a social club also. By so doing you can manage to make the meetings and practice drills interesting which relieves the monotony of the work. If a captain finds he has a man in his team who is of a disposition to be contrary and who is inclined to find fault with the management of the team, he should lose no time in dismissing him from the team, as such men are injurious to any organization. He should encourage the members of his camp to praise the team. It has been thoroughly demonstrated that a well drilled, well uniformed team is a paying investment, and is the life of any camp. A good team should receive encouragement and support from their respective camps. Officers and members of camps which have teams should show their appreciation by giving the team the entire support of the camp in all their efforts to raise funds for the benefit of the team. If a captain is discouraged with the progress of his team he should be very careful to conceal this feeling. The men naturally fall into the same mood of their captain. If a captain shows by his actions that he has confidence in his team, and their ability to drill, the men will strive to please him by perfecting themselves in their drill, but if on the other hand a captain allows his men to think he is discouraged with their efforts they will be discouraged also. If a captain should be compelled to reproach a man in ranks severely, he should after drill in some manner show this man he has as much confidence in him as in other members of the team. The forester teams of the Modern Woodmen are the best advertising medium the society possesses and to this branch belongs a good per cent of the credit for the grand success of the society, and I believe the foresters are the chief feature that now promises a grand and glorious future for our organization.

CAPTAIN J. W. FRYER.

How to Drill a Team.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—F. O. VanGalder—Esteemed Neighbor: I think the best method of organizating a degree team is to first get a level-headed man to take hold of it; a man who has had some experience in military tactics. Then notify the camp that a team will be formed and that all members who would like a place on it are invited to attend a special meeting, setting a date for the same. A team cannot be formed at a regular camp meeting, as it is necessary to separate interested members from the curious. The night of the special meeting having arrived, the chief forester explains the duties of the team. Get them out on the floor and instruct them in some of the foot movements; do not tire them. As soon as they understand one point take up another. Do not select your team until your are sure you will have the best men in the camp, men who will stick by you and attend to drill. If you have more than sixteen who wish to drill, select four substitutes and let them drill with the team at all practice drills. Having selected your team you must select an assistant. Be sure to select one you can trust, and one who is popular with the team. How to drill a team? That I cannot tell in four hundred words. You must know it, and to know it you must learn it by experience. How to keep up the interest? I have always found the best way was to make the drill interesting by taking up a new movement every drill night, then get them together to give a dance to start a fund to be used for team expense. You will find it much easier to keep a team together if you have a fund. Never miss a chance to drill in public; never ask your team to execute a movement that you have any doubt about their being able to execute. Never correct a man in public, as it will do him no good and it may do some harm. I think a good drill team is the best advertisement a camp can get, and if a camp can get one by rebating their dues, it is the cheapest I know of. How to create interest in the team by members of the camp? This can only be done by having a good team. Put the work on with snap, thereby making the members glad they came to camp. Fraternally yours,

GEO. D. LORAIN,
Chief Forester 4636.

A Well Uniformed Team.

Rockford, Ill.—Is a well uniformed team a paying investment for a camp? It certainly is from a military, as well as a Woodman standpoint. In the first place, if the team is fairly well drilled, that is, in a fair state of perfection, the uniforms usually do the rest. That is, if proper care and judgment are used in selecting the men who are to wear the uniforms (and there is nothing that catches the eye of the spectator more quickly than a nice fitting uniform, let it be in the camp room or on the street), you will find the same expression of opinion mostly given: "What a pretty uniform that is; how I wish I was one of them"; and mostly from this expression I base my claim that it is a paying investment for the camp to keep its team in a first-class uniform, and I think others will bear me out in this statement. It also entices young men to join our ranks, and those who are military inclined want at once to join the team, where they can, by practice and study, get good military training for future events that may come to pass in their lifetime. Secondly, camps uniforming their teams should never buy a cheap uniform. It does not pay—cheap goods soon wear out. Of course, a good deal depends on the individual forester in keeping his uniform in good condition, and foresters should be instructed to keep their uniforms in good condition, and remember that the uniforms are not their own, but belong to the camp. Camps that are in a good, lively condition should have a good, lively team, and I doubt very much whether there is at this time a real lively camp that does not have a team well uniformed. If you haven't, try it and see. It will pay you well for the money invested. You will also make it an object for the team to do their work by sending them to the Foresters' Encampment that is held at the Head Camp meetings. Every camp should do this. It helps and gives encouragement to the individual forester, for they don't as a rule get much for the time spent in practice, and foresters that are well taken care of by their camps will in the end prove a good investment for the camp and the order at large.

PETER T. ANDERSON,
Camp 51, M. W. A.

Team and Camp Must Work in Harmony.

Lincoln, Neb.—Mr. F. O. Van Galder—Esteemed Neighbor and Editor: I desire to say that contributing articles for the official paper is a kind of work entirely out of my line, but perhaps I may be able to draw from my experience and say something that may be of interest to others who are engaged in the work of attempting to keep a well-drilled forester team in the field. You ask for discussion as to the best method of organizing a team. No doubt there is a difference in the opinions of chief foresters on this and different methods are used to accomplish the same end. When a man is appointed chief forester in his camp, he does not realize the burden that has been placed on him although he may have been a member of the team for a long time. When he begins to select his men from the available timber in his camp, his first trial commences, because a forester team is strictly a volunteer organization, and I have never discovered any manner in which it was possible to bind any man not to desert at a critical time if he was disposed so to do. Consequently, a chief forester must not offend anyone nor make his orders too mandatory. While he is in command he will at all times be obliged to consult the wishes and convenience of his men as to dates for drill, etc. He must, of course, be thoroughly posted as to all points in the drill manual so that when he explains a movement, he may do it correctly and stand by his explanation. It should be understood from the start that the team belongs to the camp, not the camp to the team, and if the team is at all times ready and willing to do the work for which they are organized, namely, the floor work, as well as exhibition and competitive drills, they will have no trouble in having the support of the camp both morally and financially. Above all things there must be no discord between the members of the team nor between the camp and the team. I would recommend a perfect organization of the team, with a president, secretary and treasurer, in order to transact such business as may come before them pertaining to team discipline, handling team funds, etc. A team may, with the proper effort, have their own funds and be independent, in a measure, of the treasurer of the camp. Such teams are the ones who, when they ask the camp for help to attend a National Encampment, are never refused. In my judgment no camp can afford to dispense with their team, and if the affairs of the team are conducted in a businesslike manner, the expense is a mere trifle as compared with the gain to the camp. The more new members a camp secures, the more life there is in the camp, and a good team is not willing to go to camp meetings and have nothing to do. If there are no new members coming in, the members of the team will get out and hustle and secure them in order to have something to do. Among the members of a team are to be found the best hustlers in any camp. A camp should be willing to allow each forester a sum equal to his dues, if not more, for the work he does as a member of the team; for a team to get in condition to enter a competitive drill, requires a great deal of work, and a forester will spend several times the amount of his dues in street-car fare, attending drills. This work is done after his other work is over and often it requires a great deal of grit to attend drill when he is tired to start with; but a faithful forester is never absent from drill unless under the care of a doctor. In my opinion the best way to keep a team together is to have something for them to look forward to; for instance, the National Encampment, for, under the direction of our illustrious commanding officer, General John H. Mitchell, the National Encampment of M. W. A. Foresters has become the greatest event of its kind in the history of our country, and any forester team in attendance will be more than paid for the expense incurred, and will in turn bring better results to their camp because of the trip. Thanking you kindly for the space I have occupied with this article, and hoping to meet all of my Encampment friends at St. Louis in September next, I am, fraternally, ARTHUR C. HERRICK,
Chief Forester, 190, and Major Commanding Lincoln Battalion No. 2.

Favors Giving Medal.

Denver, Colo.—F. O. Van Galder, Editor Modern Woodman—Esteemed Neighbor: I am glad to see the team question up for discussion. In organizing a new team it is of course of vital importance that the chief forester shall be a person who will command the respect of the foresters. His bump of patience and perseverance should be well developed. Being appointed, the chief forester should go among the members of the camp and solicit members for his team, being careful to take in no one who wishes to join for pleasure only or who will be likely to cause dissension in the ranks. In starting to drill a new team the chief forester should thoroughly instruct the foresters in the A B C of the drill manual and do not get beyond the A B C part until it is learned well. Next I would suggest devoting one evening to each set of fours, instructing each man in his foot movements according to the position he occupies in his set of fours. After that instruct the entire team in their movements as a team. Interest can be kept up by the chief forester instructing the team in new foot movements as soon as it is able to take them up. Using the same movements in the camp room night after night becomes monotonous not only to the foresters but to the members of the camp. After a team is organized and ready for work the camp, I think, should pay the foresters an amount equal to their camp dues. Large camps should do better. A good team is the life of a camp. In fact a good team well uniformed is the best investment a camp can have. We all know that a well-drilled team will attract attention any place on the face of the globe. This being so, it is a very simple matter to have this attention passed on, beyond the team, and to the order of which the team is a part. The members of the camp can in many ways show an interest in the team that will be appreciated by the foresters. I would suggest that the camp get a medal suitably engraved, to be known as the team medal. At stated intervals have the foresters drill for this medal, either individually or in a drill down, the forester making the best showing to wear the medal until the next drill. Any forester winning the medal three times in succession to be given a trophy of some kind by the camp. Let the camp turn the entertainment night over to the team occasionally and let them have the proceeds towards a team fund. All these little things are appreciated by a team. Fraternally yours,

C. E. PAGE,
Chief Forester 7269.

Team Life of a Camp.

Hannibal, Mo.—F. O. Van Galder—Esteemed Neighbor: I am so glad you can give space in the official paper for the discussion of team work. However, I am of the opinion the team is a very important factor of interest to the life of the camp. The interest, so far as the society at large is concerned, is good, and it has been made so by having encampments during Head Camp meetings, and the arrangement for the St. Louis Encampment for this year in my opinion was the proper thing and very commendable in our Head Officers, whom I believe are always on the alert; and so long as they are, there will be something doing among the foresters and their axes. I have no doubt the same thing will apply in our own camps. There must be something in the future that has some object to work to. We need live chief foresters and live forester Woodmen, but not wooden men. No camp should be without a team. The best camps as a general rule have the best teams, and the live teams have the live camps, and forester encampments add life to the Head Camp meeting. Fraternally yours,

T. B. ARNOLD,
Chief Forester.

A Well Drilled Team.

Oelwein, Ia.—A well drilled forester team should be the pride of every camp room. Every camp should have a team of foresters for their floor work. The ceremony of adoption is much more impressive when exemplified with a good team. The exemplification of the floor work of any organization is a drudge to members who sit and watch it when it is put on with a lot of pick-ups from the members. A well-drilled team of foresters always make the life of the camp room and as a benefit to a camp it has many direct and indirect ways. It adds members, and when a camp has a good lively team and no deputy to work for them, the team brings in over three-fourths of the applications. This has been shown plainly as I have seen it in many instances, and more forcibly in my own camp. I can always see my foresters hustling for members and you can do the same, if you have a good lively, hustling team. Organize your team, if of only eight or twelve men. Drill them in some of the fancy floor movements and whatever you put on get efficient in the movements. To interest your team the captain should appoint his assistant and officers and give them something to do. Get efficient in drill and get out in public and drill and in this way keep foresters interested and it makes them feel good. Take them to the Woodman picnic, give them an outing occasionally. All of these things have a tendency to keep up interest, and for the making of good teams.

CAPT. J. V. BUSH, Camp 230.
Pres. Iowa Chief Foresters' Association.

Harmony Must Exist.

Dubuque, Ia.—F. O. VanGalder, Editor Modern Woodman: It is a certain fact that a good and well-drilled forester team, well dressed and good behavior like ours is the life of the camp and the talk of the town, for everybody is glad to see them on the street on parade, and they are a drawing card at all Woodmen picnics. One thing is certain, the captain of such team should be always selected as chief forester and not appoint somebody else from the members as such, who is disliked by the majority, and because the venerable consul makes such selection to displease the team, because they do not agree. * * * Therefore, I must say the rule is bad for the venerable consul to select a chief forester, as it causes trouble in different ways. Fraternally yours,

M. SHIPPMAN, Clerk 83.

Elaborate Anniversary Celebration.

Perhaps no camp of its size in the jurisdiction went to more expense for its anniversary celebration than did Camp 5137, of Great Falls, Mont. We have received a large photograph showing the hall decorated in a very elaborate style for the occasion, and have also received two souvenir badges, one a guest badge for the ladies and the other a badge for the men. Both are very handsome and show that Camp 5137 is alive. It has long been noted for the magnificient entertainments given, also for its annual excursion, but it remained for them to outdo any previous effort made on January 5 in their anniversary celebration at Luther's hall, one of the largest in the state. This anniversary celebration, however, was only a fair sample of the hundreds given and we regret space will not permit us to publish full description of each. We must mention one of the pleasant features of the evening. Directly in front of the orchestra a large horn was suspended, which was attached to the Rocky Mountain Bell telephone system, thereby enabling anyone who desired to hear the music from a distance. A great many availed themselves of this opportunity and many remarks of approval were heard for the unique scheme. Each guest at the door upon entering was presented with one of the souvenir badges.

St. Louis World's Fair Souvenir Ticket Offer.

Any member (exclusive of deputies) securing the adoption of three beneficial applicants for the camp to which such Neighbor belongs from November 1, 1903, to July 1, 1904, will receive, upon presenting claim in proper manner upon blank furnished by Head Consul, a World's fair souvenir ticket free of charge. The reinstatement of a suspended member from suspension of over 60 days and less than six months will count in the three new members necessary to be secured. The ticket includes the following budget: One lithographed certificate of membership in the Temple of Fraternity, one map of the World's fair grounds, one souvenir book of the World's fair, of 66 pages, and the souvenir ticket, entitling the holder to one day's admission to the World's fair grounds during the week when the conditions printed thereon have been complied with, as to stamp-date, counter-signature and coupon, which applies to all exposition tickets and are the same as are required by the railroads. These tickets are printed in the official colors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (red, white, blue and yellow) and will have, as their central figure, the official emblem of the Modern Woodmen of America. Each coupon will bear a picture of the Temple of Fraternity. Only a limited number of these tickets have been issued. They will not be taken up at the gate, but the purchaser may retain them as souvenirs. Write A. R. Talbot, Head Consul, Lincoln, Neb., for application blank.

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We'll Stay With Her Till We Die.

C. C. HASSLER.

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And the order it would tumble with an everlasting crash;
And the Neighbors would resent it, if they thought we even meant it,
And thus bring on a crisis, ending in a final smash.
Well, we did it most completely; did it careful, nice and neatly;
Readjusted every member, from the oldest Neighbor down;
And today he comes up smiling, not a shade of anger riling
His face that is unclouded by a shadow or a frown.

Do you know the reason why?

'Tis because if he should die
The wife and little babies will with hunger never cry;
And he shells the money out,
Joining in a lusty shout,—
"Hurrah, for this grand order, I'll stay with her till I die!"

Today we're strictly in it, gaining members every minute,
And we see a shouting million looming up before our sight;
And we catch the inspiration that with each initiation
Adds laurels new to Woodmen in this grand fraternal fight.
We can hear the music humming from the east who say "We're coming,"
And the boys out in the Rockies and beyond them say the same;
While the prairie boys keep working, not a shade of trouble lurking
In a camp to mar the beauty of our order or its name.

Do you know the reason why? etc.

Then, as each year growing older, let us shoulder all to shoulder,
Stand beside the men who lead us, with a firm, unbroken line.
We have got the plan a winner, and there's not a saint or sinner
That can point a safer haven for your loved ones, or for mine.
Keep our Woodmen banner floating high above all else, denoting
Peace and Light and Safety written on each well-beloved fold,
Let it wave forever, showing that the Woodmen hosts are growing
And within its camps is safety for the young and for the old.

Do you know the reason why? etc.

WITH THE CAMPS

Camp 11463, the first to be organized in Detroit, Mich., was christened "C. J. Byrns Camp" in honor of Director Byrns.

H. D. Mason, clerk of Camp 4624, writes to notify the members that C. L. Belrose is no longer a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

T. R. Rogers, district deputy, South McAlester, Ind. Ter., has a field for several deputies. Anyone wishing to engage in the work should address him at once.

The Modern Woodmen of Camp 47, Sycamore, Ill., held joint installation with the Royal Neighbor camp, with an interesting literary and musical program and a supper.

W. N. Rumley, state deputy, 312 Grand avenue, South McAlester, Ind. Ter., can use a few good men in both old and new camp work. For full particulars address him as above.

The Modern Woodmen of Camp 46, DeKalb, Ill., held joint installation with the Royal Neighbor camp Tuesday evening, January 26. After the installation a banquet was served.

On Friday evening, January 8, a basket social followed installation of officers of the local camp and $33 were realized, which was given by the Woodmen as a fund for the Royal Neighbors.

District Deputy G. C. Woods writes that on Monday evening, January 5, Fairfield Camp gave a public entertainment assisted by the Royal Neighbors. A good program was rendered, including a banquet.

W. L. Jones, clerk of Camp 8550, Morrison, Okla.: "Camp 8550 is in a prosperous condition. We lost one member on account of change in rate. This would be a good field for a wide-awake, energetic deputy."

D. C. Roach, clerk of Camp 6949, writes from Park, Ind., that their venerable consul, D. H. Mitchell, has been appointed district deputy, with headquarters at Lebanon, Va., and the camp commends his hustling qualities.

The Daily News, published at Temple, Ariz., says that Deputy Wm. O'Connor organized a new camp at Temple with twenty-four charter members. Deputy O'Connor is now at work organizing still another camp at Tucson.

Wellington Cook, clerk of Camp 7671, 1006 Hamilton Building, Detroit, Mich., wishes that all camp clerks who have members residing in Detroit would send their names and addresses to him. If they will do so he will appreciate the favor.

H. M. Ferrell, of Tiskilwa, Ill., writes: "We have five applications for next meeting on account of readjustment. The camp wishes me to compliment the editor for the improved appearance and reading matter of our paper. Glory be to Woodcraft."

A late issue of the local paper at Kennard, Neb., contains a column article sent by Venerable Consul John Blako and Clerk B. Ables supplying the new rates and encouraging the membership to renew. Such articles must prove of great value to our society locally.

Bangor Camp 7799 held the installation of officers Wednesday evening, January 13. There was a good program and supper. A feature of the evening was the presentation of an ebony gavel by Past Consul W. F. Ryder, and in turn he was presented by the members of the camp with a cane.

The Pittsburg Dispatch of Sunday, January 15, contains half-tone photographs of the editor of the Modern Woodman and Geo. E. Reynolds, venerable consul of camp 11468. The Dispatch is running as a feature of its Sunday edition the photographs of prominent fraternalists.

Neighbor T. L. Bean, clerk of Camp 2829, Grand Rapids, Mich., writes that his camp entertained Moline Camp Friday evening, January 15, with initiatory work and drill, followed by a banquet. The feature was the work and drill. There was a number of good speeches and a banquet.

Black Hawk Camp 3181 have enjoyed being hypnotized by a traveling hypnotist and seemed to have liked it. Neighbor J. C. Boyle, clerk, says the entertainment was given for the purpose of inducing young men to join the Woodmen and he thinks from indications it will have the desired effect.

We have received a large number of splendid circulars issued by the clerks of the camps to their members explaining the new rate and giving to the individual his correct rate. Among the best lot of circulars we have seen were those sent out by Neighbor C. H. Riepen, clerk of Camp 120 of Omaha.

The Herald, published at Byron, Neb., says that Camp 4337 held another interesting session Wednesday night and initiated seven candidates. The work was put on by the team from Chester. Lunch was served about midnight, and the visitors from Chester were made to feel that they were having a good time.

David Holdsworth, venerable consul of Camp 8634, Troy, N. Y., writes that their camp on January 27 adopted three candidates and afterwards had public installation of officers. There was also a musical program and refreshments served by the ladies. About three hundred were present to enjoy the supper.

Chas. Cassidy, clerk of Camp 8019, French Lick, Ind., writes that their camp is having a steady level growth, and they are preparing to institute a camp of Royal Neighbors in the near future. Their anniversary meeting was held on Monday evening in the U. B. church. The speakers were J. E. Haner, of Nineveh, and T. R. Ragsdale, of Washington.

District Deputy J. W. Crossfield and ten members of the camp at Clearwater, Minn., drove to Clear Lake Wednesday evening, January 20, to help initiate a class of eleven candidates. The Clearwater Camp had a class of ten to initiate on Tuesday evening, February 16, and the members of Clear Lake Camp were invited to pay a return visit and assist in the work.

The Bureau County Record, published at Princeton, Ill., in its issue of January 27 contained a splendid write-up of Princeton Camp 208 and of the society in general, and publishes a half-tone group of the local camp officers. Our old friend, W. T. Naugle, is clerk of this camp and D. A. Naugle is camp deputy. This splendid write-up must prove of great benefit to Woodcraft in that locality.

I. N. Peterman, clerk of Camp 5020, writes from Cloquet, Minn., that they have 117 members and received six new applications at their last meeting, and have more on the way. They intend to have two hundred members by the first day of January, 1905. They have a good forester team organized. They lost only one member because of the raise in rates and all feel that they are now on sure footing.

National Lecturer Whelan was to devote the entire month of February to Missouri and started in with a rousing meeting at Jackson on Monday evening, February 1. There were present with him State Deputy S. C. A. Rubey and Director R. R. Smith. Addresses were delivered by all of these gentlemen, and the report from the camp is that it will not lose a single member on account of the change in rate.

In sending in his correction of the mailing list Neighbor H. H. Spilman, clerk of camp 4329, Milton, Ia., writes: "You will see by the enclosed souvenir the reason for delay in sending my corrected mail report." The enclosure referred to was a very pretty heart done in silver, on which is the following inscription: 'Silver Wedding, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Spilman, Milton, Ia., January 23, 1904,' and here's hoping many pleasant returns of the happy day.

Camps 4132 and 2331, of South St. Paul, Minn., gave a benefit ball for a Neighbor's family in destitute circumstances Friday evening, January 8, clearing $165.15. The Neighbors worked willingly and hard. One committee got up the dance program with a business directory attached, each firm paying 50 cents a card. It cleared $15. The Royal Neighbors served supper, making $15.15. The balance of the proceeds was made by the sale of tickets. We had a very large attendance and an enjoyable time.

Two camps have been formed in Baltimore, namely Baltimore Camp and Waverly Camp 11506. Baltimore is progressive and gives promise of having a large membership by the end of the year. Waverly Camp has just been organized with about twenty-six members. Captain D. N. Rittenhouse has been appointed chief forester and has formed a team. Among the members of Waverly Camp are several who are excellent singers, and they have also formed a mandolin club and will soon give an entertainment.

Neighbor Chas. P. Brown sends in an excellent account of the installation of the officers of McKinley Camp 11147, of Chicago, which occurred Monday evening, January 11. This camp was organized November 1, 1903, with twenty-five members. They have had thirty-three adoptions since then and they have twenty-four more awaiting certificates and eight applications were received at their last meeting. A team has just been organized, with Capt. M. O'Brien as chief forester.

Neighbor Wm. Wagner, clerk of Camp 7605, of Ingalls, Okla., writes that on January 30 the two-and-a-half-year-old little girl of Neighbor Edward Rooter and wife of their camp was burned to death from a fire started outdoors. The little one was discovered by the mother, who was also severely burned before the flames could be extinguished, but the little one was so badly burned that death followed. The sad event was a great shock and members of the camp did all in their power for the stricken family.

D. W. Wilmarth, clerk of Camp 3906, of Desmet, S. D., in sending in a clipping concerning an important meeting of their camp adds: "We have five candidates to take in Saturday night, January 30, and seven more applications. On Saturday evening, January 16, in Camp 3906, two candidates were adopted. After the work a banquet was served at the hotel. Twenty-one ladies, wives of the Woodmen, got together and surprised the camp at the hotel making it a happy affair for all present. This camp soon expects to have more than one hundred members."

Neighbor F. H. Widman, clerk of Camp 3831, Dentonville, Kan., writes enclosing a poster advertising the Modern Woodmen minstrel show to be given by home talent under the auspices of their camp on Friday evening, February 5. The Neighbors fixed upon this date for their twenty-first anniversary celebration. The Modern Woodmen minstrel also contains two good farces, entitled "Exposing the Woodmen," and together with the negro minstrel show makes an evening of rare entertainment. The members of Camp 3831 intend to put on the show in other towns responding to calls of camps who may desire their services.

In Michigan, on January 19, a good meeting was held at Ionia, the home of Gen. J. H. Mitchell. National Lecturer Whelan, Director C. J. Byrns, and Head Physician Martin were present, and much good was done. On January 22, State Deputy E. J. Bullard and J. Earl Brown were the speakers at an enthusiastic meeting at Hudson. On January 27 there was a splendid meeting held at Bay City. The members of this Camp are alive and from twenty to thirty initiations occur each week. State Deputy Bullard, J. Earl Brown and District Deputy Davy were present and delivered addresses, after which a banquet was served.

Deputy C. H. Wilcox, in sending in an item in the Durand Clipper, says: "I believe we are going to have an old-time boom. I am in need of four or five good deputies." Any one wishing to engage in the work should address Neighbor Wilcox at Rockford, Ill. The clipping tells of a rousing meeting held by Camp 69 at Durand. District Deputy Lutz, of Galena, was present and presented eight applications, all of which were accepted. Committees were appointed to revise the by-laws and to prepare for entertaining the Royal Neighbors on February 2. Camp 69 is in a flourishing condition, numerically and financially, and will do its share toward reaching the one million score at Milwaukee.

T. W. Dobbs, adviser of Camp 7784, of Durango, Col., writes that their camp has over one hundred members, with a few applications now on hand. The camp gave its first annual Christmas ball last Christmas, which was a success, clearing over $50. The camp also celebrated the twenty-first anniversary and had a very nice time. About 200 were present and there was an interesting literary and musical program. Neighbor Geo. E. Davis presented the camp with a picture in water-color, 6x9 feet. It is a Woodmen scene, with a beetle, ax and wedge in evidence. The camp appointed a committee to frame the picture. On January 29 this camp held joint installation of officers with the Royal Neighbor camp.

Supervising Deputy Geo. T. Jacobs, of Pittsburg, Pa., reports the adoption of a good-sized Neighbor in City Patrolman Geo. Shaw, a member of Camp 8657, at Allegheny, Pa. Neighbor Shaw is six feet four and one-half inches high and weighs 240 pounds. Camp 8657 claims the biggest Modern Woodman in the jurisdiction and it is suggested that camps send in their biggest man and that the one who proves to be the largest have his photograph published in the official paper. The conditions governing this "big show" must be height as well as weight. For instance, the man wins the prize who is the tallest and weighs the most. Should a man be a little runt and weigh a ton, he would not be in it by the side of a seven-footer who weighed only a half ton.

Neighbor S. C. Hanan, clerk of Camp 7266, of Waynoka, Okla., writes that the members of his camp are well pleased with the year's record. On January 1, 1903, they had eighteen members in good standing and two in temporary suspension. The camp then employed a deputy for a short time; hired Major R. H. Hendershot and son, of Chicago, to assist in giving a public entertainment, held a log-rolling and gave suppers on evenings when they had work. The results have been very gratifying, four members having received hustler buttons, and on January 4, 1904, instead of numbering eighteen, the camp had eighty members in good standing and five in temporary suspension, making a net gain of sixty-two. They expect to furnish their share of the "Million Men for Milwaukee."

J. A. Hoden, banker of Camp 650, writes from Friendship, Wis.: "In 1893 'A little in numbers but a determined to grow Modern Woodmen camp' was started in the sparsely settled woods of Wisconsin and named Friendship, and it is living true to its name. It has worked and grown ever since. Every member has been a deputy. We never had any growling until the raise of rates was brought before the camp and then mostly because the members did not understand it right. Now, since the question of rates is settled, our camp, which never stopped growing during this stormy session, has started with a perfect fever of getting all the new members possible so as to be sure and have Camp 650 keep its place with the best in the state. Our camp-roo is going to be full of people during the next few meetings, because friendship rules among us and not a member quits because the rates were raised. Everyone is looked after and brought into our camp and made to feel friendly, and if every camp in the United States would follow our example we would have more than the one million men we are looking for in Milwaukee."

Neighbor G. F. Lewis writes from Fairbury, Neb., that Camp 1867 has been running with open charter since March, 1902. They meet every Wednesday and have missed only six meetings without adoption. They have adopted since that time 172 candidates. "Even readjustment did not bother us, as we had the confidence of ourselves and instilled it into the stranger. We have not lost a member through the agitation of or raise in rates. If our membership had been scattered among the members there would have been no use for the battle cry of 'A Million Men for Milwaukee,' as we would long ago have passed that mark. We had sixteen adoptions in October, seven in November, thirteen in December, and twelve the last meeting night, with no idle night in sight. Can some of you beat it?"

A. Wernicke, clerk of Camp 4420, writes from Bingham Lake, Mo., that their camp had a big gathering on the evening of January 5, celebrating the twenty-first anniversary. They had arranged for a smoker and invited in friends and were enjoying themselves when the Royal Neighbors surprised them with a better assortment of refreshments than they had, and with their auxiliary they enjoyed a very pleasant evening. On January 29 the Woodmen and Royal Neighbors had joint installation, followed by a supper and dance. Neighbor Wernicke adds: "This shows that we can have a good time if the members only would attend the meetings a little better. If any Neighbor can tell me through the columns of the Woodman how to wake up the members of our camp so we could have good attendance during meetings, I would be very thankful."

Neighbor John A. Higgins, venerable consul of Camp 4075, Goshen, Ind., writes that their camp was organized July 22, 1896, with twenty-two charter members. On January 1, 1903, they had 202 members, and just a year later they had dropped down to 173 members, but since then they had adopted seven and reinstated one, making a total of 181. On January 28 State Deputy J. D. Volz and Judge Fred White, of Illinois, and District Deputy F. H. Shields, of North Bend, met with the camp. Judge White delivered an address which is said to be the best ever heard in that state, and it put new life into the camp, for all have gone again to work in earnest. The venerable consul and worthy adviser have chosen sides for a membership contest, the contest to last until July 1st, and the side getting the least members will have to give an ice-cream sociable for the entire camp. The consequence is they have gone to work and they had six applications at their last meeting on February 4, and they intend to help the Head Consul in his effort for one million members.

Neighbor O. F. Gauer, clerk of Camp 320, of Morrisonville, Ill., writes that they have not had more than one or two temporary suspensions in a year. He attributes this to the working of the local emergency fund which has been set aside for the benefit of delinquent members. The plan under which they have worked is told in the following resolution, which was adopted by their camp eight years ago and which has been in effect ever since:

That a sum of $10 be set aside, drawn from the local general fund, and this be called and known as the "local emergency," which fund is to be used for the purpose of paying benefit assessment of Neighbors who fail to pay the same as required by law, according to the levy of any such assessments.

Be it further resolved, That a fine of twenty-five cents be collected from each Neighbor allowing his assessments to be paid out of this fund, and that this fine and the amount of his assessment must be paid to the clerk of this camp before any more of his assessments can be paid out of this fund; and be it further understood that all moneys thus received by the clerk be credited to and placed in the local emergency fund, and that he be required to receipt a Neighbor for money thus received.

A Neighbor writes that Camp 6966, of Mifflinburg, Pa., was instituted in April, 1901, with forty-five charter members. The camp has added about fifteen members since, three banquets have been given in honor of the wives and lady friends of the members. The last one was given on the evening of January 12 in honor of the twenty-first anniversary of the society. There was a musical and literary program and an address by Rev. K. O. Spessard. Refreshments were also served. Neighbor S. J. Holloway, clerk of Camp 4525, Syracuse, Mo., writes that their camp is very much alive at present. They lost one member because of the new rates and the camp has adopted several candidates since the new plan went into operation. Through the efforts of District Depnty John Pool the camp has seven new candidates to initiate at their next meeting, with others yet in sight. On January 7 the camp gave an oyster supper, from which a neat sum was realized. In conclusion he adds: "Allow me to say our camp likes the new table of

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rates, which goes to say we are made up of intelligent, clear thinking members. We are coming with our part of the 'Million Men for Milwaukee.' "

Neighbor H. F. Baillet writes from Newark, N. J., that an innovation was made this year in the installation of officers in New Jersey. As agreed by the state organization, the officers in each case was installed by the venerable consul, or past venerable consul, of some other camp, or by a member of the state executive committee. This gave excellent satisfaction, especially as in a number of cases the installing officer was accompanied by a delegation from his home camp. As state lecturer and venerable consul of Essex Camp the writer was detailed to install the officers at Bernardville, Caldwell, and Newark City, and the occasion provided pleasant memories for the future. District Deputy Addis has organized a new camp at Montclair with thirty-seven charter members. District Deputy Shepherd has a new camp at Park Ridge. District Deputy Maddrix instituted a new camp at Marydale, December 30. State Deputy Schurr installed the officers of Jacobs Camp, Wilmington, Del., January 16. Peback Camp had an entertainment February 3 with visitors present from miles around. Summit Camp also had a smoker. On the night of January 1 North End Camp of Newark had a Christmas-tree party. Essex Camp, of Newark, to wind up a successful year's work, held a family gathering on December 30. The gift of an emblem ring to the venerable consul, who was re-elected, was a feature. Retiring Venerable Consul H. H. Gibb, of Bernardville Camp, Geo. Van Vories, of North End Camp, and Frank Champlain, of Newark City Camp, were each presented with a diamond-studded gold emblem axe by the members of their respective camps.

Help a Neighbor.

J. T. Furlong, banker of Camp 8918, Steamboat Springs, Colo., writes: "February 1 our camp gave a dance which was largely attended and a splendid success. Neighbor Nelson, from Victor Camp, came here last fall. He was taken sick and only had $4 in his pocket. We stood good for the bills, and as Victor Camp has had bad luck on account of the failure of the bank in which they had their money, also on account of miners' strike, we decided to raise money and advance the amount of the bills for them. We cleared $25 on the dance and are now getting up a short play and dance for St. Patrick's Day. The bills on account of Neighbor Nelson's sickness amounted to over $60, and we are going to raise this and then collect from Victor Camp as soon as they get on their feet."

Helped an Unfortunate Neighbor.

Lauritz Jorgensen, clerk of Camp 1374, Stonebank, Wis., writes: "Richard Grimm, a member of our camp, had the misfortune to lose a hand in a corn-husker. The Neighbors greatly sympathized with him and immediately gave him $50 from the camp's general fund. As Neighbor Grimm is an enterprising and hard-working man, he had bought a husking and corn-threshing outfit, for which he went in debt last summer, so the members, desiring to give him another lift, got up a benefit dance, and the grand work accomplished is greatly due to the efforts of the committee composed of Neighbors John M. Petterson, John Owell, Jr., Henry Shaw and Chas. Munson. The amount received was $322, which shows in what high esteem Neighbor Grimm is held. Our camp celebrated the twenty-first anniversary by holding joint installation with the Royal Neighbors. There were addresses by Venerable Consul V. Hatch and others. Supper was served and cards and dancing followed. We lost one member the first of the year and I do not think he dropped out on account of the raise in his rate. The members are now hustling to get in more timber and a lively time is looked for in our camp."

Commendatory Words.

Neighbor F. E. Holmes, formerly connected with the Richmond, Ill., Gazette, is now one of the proprietors of the Dundee Hawkeye and a late issue of that paper contains an excellent article commendatory of the Modern Woodmen. We make the following extract from the clipping:

"No assessment for February." The members of the M. W. A., the biggest and best of the fraternal insurance societies, are patting each other on the back and offering odds of 16 to 1 that the new rate schedule is all right and the cost of insurance will be less than under the old law. And all this good feeling is brought about by the announcement that there will be no assessment this month. It was predicted that this would be the case, but the unbelievers were many and croakers were abroad in the land. But the promised working of the new rate has been verified and "only eight assessments in 1904" seems an assured fact. The Hawkeye advised woodchoppers to stick and give the new rate a fair trial, and that advice has proven "as good as the wheat." Very few dropped their insurance and many of those will make haste to be reinstated now that an assessment has been skipped. Under the old rates the January assessment would have brought to the benefit fund about $525,000. Under the new rate $750,000 was realized. The extra quarter of a million, added to the surplus on hand, makes it possible to pay all death claims and omit the February assessment. The M. W. A. has no reserve fund, yet it has a fund of more than a million dollars ready to meet death losses as they occur. Isn't an organization of that kind a pretty good one to stay by? The Modern Woodman, the official organ of the M. W. A., is now issued in new form, with many special features, and is a great improvement over the old style. Our good friend, F. O. VanGalder, formerly of Sycamore, is the editor, and the paper is a credit to him.

Pleases Peoria.

District Deputy Peter Werner writes from Peoria, Ill., that the camps in Peoria are getting along fairly well. We have lost no one on account of the change in rates, and are taking in new members every meeting in nearly every camp. We are not going to have what is called a boom, but we are going to have a steady growth. He sends in some clippings from the Peoria Evening Star which gives an idea how things are working in Peoria, and are as follows:

"So far as I can ascertain not a man has dropped out of any of the Woodmen camps in this city on account of the increased rate which went into effect last month," said Albert Wolgamott, clerk of Business Men's Camp to a Star reporter this morning. "So far from expressing dissatisfaction they appear to be abundantly satisfied with what is known as the Iowa plan and regard it as the best of all the measures that were devised last year. Only a few months ago predictions were freely made that whole camps in the order of Modern Woodmen would be wiped out by the raise in assessments. Yesterday the clerks of the several Peoria camps concluded the collection of the January assessment, which was the first under the advanced rates, and so far as can be learned every member paid up and not one of them dropped out. The fact that no assessment has been ordered for February has had much to do in reassuring the members that the increased assessment is a good thing. Under the old rate the January assessment would have brought to the benefit fund the sum total of $525,000. Under the new rate $750,000 will be realized. This $250,000 increase, added to the surplus on hand, makes it possible for the board of directors to pay all death claims now on file and omit the February assessment. To the families of deceased members in Peoria $4,000 of the January assessment comes back. The late George Mani carried $2,000, while Jesse E. Evans and Charles Kennedy carried $1,000 each. There is a probability that at least three assessments will be omitted during the year and there may be four. Four months ago the old-line insurance companies tried to increase the fears of Woodmen by sending them artfully worded circulars in which they predicted the decline of the order on account of the proposed increase in rates, but they shot very wide of the mark.

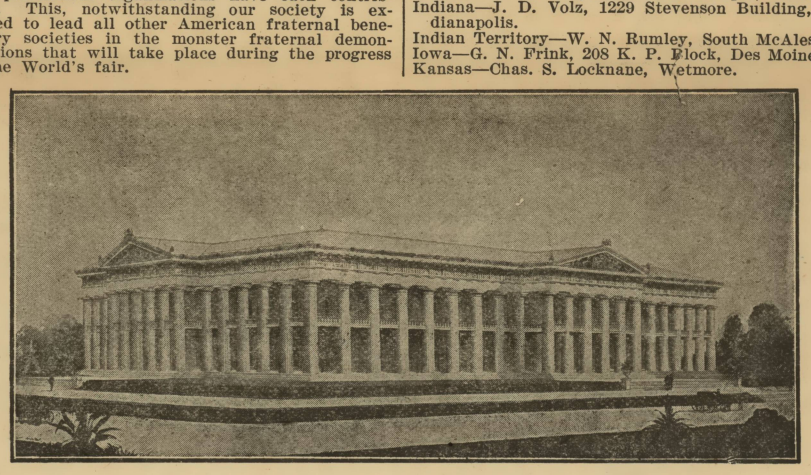
TEMPLE OF FRATERNITY.

Final Call for Voluntary Contributions.

The Modern Woodmen of America will occupy the Fraternal Temple during Forester Encampment week and it is important that our society, in the amount contributed toward building the Temple, as in all other things fraternal, make the best showing. To this end Head Clerk Hawes, under direction of the Board of Directors, has sent out a final call for voluntary contributions to such camps as have not yet contributed. It is urged that each camp not only make a contribution but that they also arrange to have their forester team attend the Encampment at the world's fair next September. The circular sent to the camp by Head Clerk Hawes reads:

Esteemed Neighbors: By order of the Board of Directors—which has given the proposition serious consideration and recognizes its importance as related to the welfare of the society—I address to the membership this third and final call for voluntary contributions to the Temple of Fraternity fund. It is desired that the contributions from the membership of this society shall be increased for the purpose not only of properly equipping the headquarters of this society in the Temple, in a manner suitable to the entertainment of the thousands of Neighbors who will visit the World's fair this year, but also that we may demonstrate that as a society we are sufficiently powerful to take our place at the head of the column in a fraternal enterprise of this character.

Our society, numerically the most powerful in the United States, has so far contributed a total of but $7,237.70 to this worthy cause, or approximately one cent per member—an insignificant contribution, measured by our total membership; and a less amount, it may be said, than several less pretentious organizations have each contributed. This, notwithstanding our society is expected to lead all other American fraternal beneficiary societies in the monster fraternal demonstrations that will take place during the progress of the World's fair.



TEMPLE OF FRATERNITY.

The World's fair authorities have set aside the second week in September, 1904, for a Woodmen Foresters' Encampment, to be held on the grounds of the fair. For the competitive drills that will then take place between the crack forester teams from all sections of our jurisdiction, prizes aggregating $5,500 have been offered by the World's fair executive committee, and this amount will be distributed among the best drilled teams. No other fraternal beneficiary organization has been so handsomely recognized by the World's fair management. It is a distinction of which we may well feel proud.

The Board of Directors believes, when these facts are called to the attention of the Neighbors, they will see that it is highly desirable that our society shall bear its share of the burden in the only purely fraternal enterprise which has been given countenance by the management of the fair. A desirable location was set aside by the authorities for the erection of a Temple of Fraternity. Every encouragement has been given to provide a headquarters which will be practically a home for fraternalists while on the World's fair grounds. Certainly our society, with the greatest membership in the United States, should lead in this movement, and the test of our fraternal sincerity, as well as our numerical strength, will be measured by the amount contributed by the members toward the completion of the Temple.

The World's Fair Fraternal Building Association, which has charge of the erection of the Temple of Fraternity, has in the neighborhood of $75,000 available for its completion. The Temple itself will cost about $67,000, and the general equipment will cost between $5,000 and $6,000 more. For the proper maintenance of the Temple during the World's fair a fund of at least $15,000 should be available. This is aside from such moneys as our society may need to properly furnish the suite of rooms that will be placed at its disposal for the convenience of the Neighbors. It is estimated by the World's Fair Fraternal Building Association that at least $15,000 in addition to the amount already available will be necessary in order to complete the Temple in all respects and properly maintain it during the World's fair.

Secretary Chas. F. Hatfield, of the association, says truly that our society is expected to lead in the movement looking to the success of this enterprise, and the Board of Directors therefore ventures to ask all camps which have not already contributed to make a contribution of at least $1 each. Such contributions should be mailed to the Head Clerk, who is acting as trustee for the Temple of Fraternity fund.

We hope to raise a sufficient amount not only to bear our proper share of the burden for the completion and maintenance of the Temple of Fraternity generally, but also to have enough left to furnish the Woodmen headquarters.

These headquarters, as has been stated in previous calls, will be directly under the control of the management of the society. In connection with our headquarters there will be a free dispensary for sick Neighbors and Royal Neighbors, under the direction of a medical commission; a branch post office; long distance and local telephone service; check rooms; writing, reading, smoking and lounging rooms; ladies' parlors, and in fact every convenience which will insure the comfort and enjoyment of our Neighbors while visiting the World's fair.

Our identification with this enterprise is not now so much a matter of contributing a few thousand dollars as it is of surpassing other societies and demonstrating our strength as the greatest fraternal beneficiary organization in the United States. Every camp which has not so far contributed can at least donate $1 to this enterprise, having so important an object in view.

The Foresters' Encampment during September will be the greatest advertisement this society has ever enjoyed in its history. The management desires to make the most of it, and one of the best mediums for promoting our society's popularity will be the completion of the Temple with our assistance, and the handsome maintenance of the Woodmen's headquarters therein.

I would ask clerks of camps to submit this communication at the next regular meeting of their camps, and if they feel they can consistently do so, to give the request their personal endorsement, to the end that prompt and favorable action may be taken.

Make all remittances by bank draft, postal money or express money orders, drawn payable to "C. W. Hawes, Trustee, Rock Island, Ill."

We expect camps which have not so far contributed to remit not less than $1, but if they feel that they can do so, they can make a larger contribution.

A Million Men for Milwaukee

Among the Deputies

FIELD WORK ROSTER.

Supreme Organizer.

Ralph E. Johnson, Lincoln, Neb.

State Deputies.

California—J. O. Davis, 324 Emma Spreckels Building, San Francisco.
Colorado and Wyoming—F. B. Easterly, 310 Cooper Building, Denver, Colo.
Connecticut and Rhode Island—M. M. Pierce, 26 State St., Hartford, Conn.
Delaware, New Jersey and East Maryland—Albert Schurr, 289 Belleville Ave., Newark, N. J.
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Idaho, Utah and Nevada—T. W. Bartley, Moscow, Idaho.
Illinois—W. H. Dwyer, 508 The Temple, Danville.
Indiana—J. D. Volz, 1229 Stevenson Building, Indianapolis.
Indian Territory—W. N. Rumley, South McAlester.
Iowa—G. N. Frink, 208 K. P. Block, Des Moines.
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Michigan—E. J. Bullard, St. Johns.
Minnesota—W. H. Dawson, 711 Northwestern Building, Minneapolis.
Missouri—S. C. A. Rubey, Clinton.
Montana—G. M. Roe, Butte.
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Ohio—N. C. Sherburne, Newark.
Oklahoma—J. S. Shearer, Guthrie.
Oregon—J. W. Simmons, 319 Chamber of Commerce, Portland.
Pennsylvania—M. H. Wyckoff, New Castle.
South Dakota—H. I. Brown, Box 640, Sioux Falls.
Vermont—A. O. Palmer, Box 24, Burlington.
Virginia—M. C. Doubles, 221 E. Broad St., Richmond.
Washington—C. D. Elliott, 403 N. Y. Building, Seattle.
West Virginia—J. M. Connelly, Parkersburg.
Wisconsin—B. F. Keeler, Lock Box 456, La Crosse.

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North Chicago—J. F. Harris, 414 Ashland Block.
South Chicago—O. F. Avery, 414 Ashland Block.
Cincinnati—S. G. Sparks, 30 E. 8th St.
Cleveland—M. B. Putney, 527 Williamson Block.
Detroit—E. F. Burns, 1006 Hammond Building.
Milwaukee—T. W. Newman, 59 Cawker Building.
Philadelphia—John F. Collins, 517 Odd Fellows' Temple.
Pittsburg—Geo. T. Jacobs, 304 Chronicle-Telegraph Building.
St. Louis—W. S. Johnston, 634 Century Building.

District Deputy H. L. Line writes from Loraine, O., that Camp 3505 on Monday evening, February 8, received several applications and were given a surprise by a delegation of Royal Neighbors. He reports conditions as very bright in his district with a promise of many new candidates soon.

State Supervising Deputy John F. Collins, of Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "The organization of Camp Philadelphia at Lorman's hall on the evening of January 20 marked the introduction of Woodcraft in this grand old city of brotherly love. District Deputy R. E. Broome had the honor of organizing the camp and deserves credit for the quality of members secured. The camp starts with a large membership of fifty, and its prospects for a large increase is for the best. About 200 members were present, including State Deputy M. H. Wyckoff, City Supervising Deputy John F. Collins and State Lecturer L. V. Hoopman, also prominent members of Harrisburg, Reading, Scranton, Norriston, and other cities. Regular meetings will be held at Lorman's hall, Columbia avenue and Woodstock streets, the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Old members residing in Philadelphia are requested to transfer their cards and lend all the aid possible to help increase the membership. District Deputy J. L. Voigt, 2535 North Front street, F. A. Lambert, 5226 Race street; R. E. Broome, 2622 North Bonvier street; C. H. Lyke, 2242 South Fifteenth street, and H. W. Brown, 5524 Cambridge street, would like to hear from members who desire to take up deputy work throughout the city. They would also be pleased to receive the names and addresses of the friends of members who might be induced to join.

A Class of Two Hundred.

A state deputy school of instruction will be held at Bay City, Mich., commencing on March 21, under the auspices of State Deputy Bullard. He is arranging with the members in that city to have a class of 200 ready for adoption on the date of the school. Director C. J. Byrns, Head Physician Martin, Head Auditor Carrier, and James Lombard have promised to be present. It is also expected that Head Consul Talbot will be present.

EASTERN NEW YORK.

Business Booming—Deputies Wanted—Working in Greater New York.

The membership in Eastern New York responded with vigor to the call of Head Consul Talbot to make January a red-letter month for Woodcraft. A public event of some sort was held by almost every camp and every available orator in the territory was pressed into service to sing the song of Woodcraft to interested audiences. Things are on the move as a result and the effect of this movement will be shown in the February report of adoptions. Many camps that had been resting for some months caught the inspiration and everybody seems to be striving to push the good work along. The demand for deputies is very great and it is being met as fast as suitable men can be secured to respond to the call. Letters are being received indicating that the true spirit of Woodcraft prevails and we feel confident in saying that with but a few exceptions all the camps are now ready with coat off to get in new timber and build up the order.

By the time the March Woodman makes its appearance the sickle will be applied to the field of Greater New York. Deputies will be at work soliciting membership, a downtown office will have been opened and all necessary steps taken to properly prosecute the work of building up our order in that great city. The earnest co-operation of the membership living in Greater New York is solicited as is also the support and influence of the membership residing outside the city. Members of the order having relatives living within the new jurisdiction should write them and then send their names and addresses to the undersigned who will see that a deputy pays them a visit and solicits their application. I can use a number of good deputies in Greater New York and feel confident that those who take up the work there will be able to reap good reward.

I was present at a public function every night in January except Saturdays and Sundays. I found enthusiasm everywhere.

Deputies are in great demand. About twenty good men can find good territory in Eastern New York.

HARRY FRANKLIN, State Deputy.

Members All Stick.

Galena, Ill., February 5.—Editor Modern Woodman: I am happy to say that I made up my pass report on the second day of the month and mailed it to Head Clerk Hawes on February 3, with only one member paid for out of the emergency fund, and I think I would have gotten him if I could have seen him, but he is out of town and the camp does not stand for railroad fare. Some people tried to convince me that one-half of our members were going to drop out, but I could not see it. I believe that the membership as a rule are better satisfied with the society than ever. I have more advanced assessments in and have had prompter collections, I think, than I ever had before. We are going to have one of our members commissioned as a local deputy and try and make things boom some. Our chief forester has again put on his war paint and is gathering together his broken band of warriors with the object in view of taking the scalp of the first paleface who has nerve enough to enter the forest. Yours fraternally,

WM. S. HANSING, Clerk 73.

What Is Your Excuse?

If you are offered happiness and refuse it, What is your excuse? If some one offers to supplant misery and distress with peace, enjoyment of life and comfort of body, and you allow it not, What is your excuse? Mr. Theo. Noel and the Theo. Noel Company of Chicago, whose announcement appears in these columns, wants to know what is your excuse, if you are sick and ailing and refuse to accept the offer of thirty days' trial of Vitæ-Ore at the company's risk which they are making to the readers of this paper.

The offer "Personal to Subscribers" has appeared in these columns a number of times during the past two years and hundreds are today blessing the day they read and accepted it, else the company could not continue its announcements from time to time. If you fear its genuineness, ask any of your fellow subscribers who have accepted it, and then, if YOU don't accept, What is your excuse? You need the medicine; you can have it for the asking, you take no risk; What is your excuse?

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Camps Delinquent January 19, 1904.

The operation of the society's law (section 240) suspended all delinquent camps January 19 ult., for failure to remit assessment No. 12 and first term per capita, 1904, to reach the Head Clerk on or before the 18th day of said month. Subsequent receipt of pass report and remittance fully reinstated camps so remitting. Camps listed in the table following had not reinstated by the close of business February 8, 1904:

ILLINOIS.			
1003	Wellington	...	27
1805	Cisco	.....	49
2321	Lisbon	.....	43
7611	Panola	.....	35
10438	Boyd	.....	13
10785	Karbers Ridge		7
Total			174
IOWA.			
1686	Jamaica	.....	23
4203	Burt	.....	45
4455	Prairieburg	...	27
6355	Harvey	.....	26
7823	Truro	.....	27
8824	Sully	.....	8
9343	Medora	.....	21
10565	Waukon Junc.		5
11277	Columbus City.		6
Total			188
WISCONSIN.			
2638	Delafield	.....	34
5951	Deepark	.....	53
6271	Phlox	.....	31
6716	Ridgeland	....	20
7304	Marathon	....	17
8457	Princeton	....	11
11048	Hillsdale	.....	17
Total			183
KANSAS.			
5574	Vliets	.....	39
5673	Ellsworth	....	93
6911	Stockdale	....	15
8916	Eureka	.....	14
Total			161
NEBRASKA.			
5546	Waterbury	...	8
7843	Hyannis	.....	12
Total			20
MINNESOTA.			
4656	Roosevelt	....	17
4712	Hoffman	.....	27
6217	Eveleth	.....	35
7602	Koochiching	..	31
10697	Nary	.....	4
Total			114
MICHIGAN.			
1196	Harrison	.....	9
2474	Baraga	.....	39
3313	Laingsburg	...	21
5275	Manning	.....	35
5681	Fountain	.....	25
5858	Sidnaw	.....	25
7184	Flushing	.....	48
7946	Chippewa Lake		25
8646	Vermontville	..	21
8778	Omer	.....	10
8795	Thompson	....	21
9163	Melvin	.....	8
9325	Dryden	.....	7
10009	Tower	.....	16
10133	Delray	.....	24
11353	Towas City	...	18
Total			352
SOUTH DAKOTA.			
5588	Lesterville	...	24
NORTH DAKOTA.			
2234	Carrington	...	56
2773	Blanchard	....	40
3538	Mona	.....	8
3777	Towner	.....	18
6052	Grand Harbor.		7
6666	Flaxton	.....	48
7517	Hannaford	...	25
8676	White Earth	..	14
10483	Renville	.....	8
10673	Anselm	.....	11
10719	Saint John	....	17
10797	Flora	.....	14
10871	Bjelland	.....	8
10955	Denhoff	.....	16
11020	Linton	.....	12
11350	Williamsport	.	8
Total			310
MISSOURI.			
2721	Bowl'g Green	..	160
3205	Jamestown	...	55
4755	Carterville	...	85
4961	Clarksburg	...	48
6517	Alba	.....	14
7108	Pollock	.....	18
7120	Davis	.....	12
7314	Pennville	.....	12
8749	Woodruff	.....	30
8788	Clarkton	.....	39
9689	Anutt	.....	37
9760	Napoleon	.....	13
10988	Midway	.....	14
11246	Pleasant Hill.		8
Total			545
VERMONT.			
8765	Bridgewater	..	12
9270	South Albany.		9
9894	South Ryegate.		13
10426	East Fairfield.		25
10536	Waterbury	...	15
10552	Stowe	.....	11
10658	Pittsford	.....	19
11272	Waitsfield	....	11
11407	Orwell	.....	12
Total			127

Per capita for the following listed camps suspended had not been received at this office at the close of business on February 8, 1904.

No.	Location.	No. Members.
6944	Lore, Ia.	13
11150	Antwerp, O.	8
8060	Chester, W. Va.	10

Camps following continue in suspension for failure to remit under calls previous to assessment No. 12, 1903. Neighbors desiring reinstatement, write the Head Clerk for information.

No.	Location.	Assessment.
4957	Omaha, Ill.	11 of 1903
8673	Cooksville, Ill.	9 of 1903
3165	Cedar Valley, Ia.	7 of 1903
6807	Lima, Ia.	7 of 1903
10774	White Pigeon, Ia.	7 of 1903
10865	Donnan Junction, Ia.	7 of 1903
5185	Highbridge, Wis.	11 of 1903
10070	Stroud, Wis.	7 of 1903
10250	Sugarbush, Wis.	11 of 1903
10301	Plat, Wis.	8 of 1903
5919	Collyer, Kan.	9 of 1903
11227	Waldron, Kan.	9 of 1903
11403	Hardtner, Kan.	11 of 1903
5265	Bluffton, Minn.	7 of 1903
5926	Nielsville, Minn.	11 of 1903
8297	Parkers Prairie, Minn.	11 of 1903
9714	Rockford, Minn.	9 of 1903
9853	Rollis, Minn.	11 of 1903
10309	Vining, Minn.	8 of 1903
10397	Skibo, Minn.	11 of 1903
3126	Ashley, Mich.	10 of 1903
4634	Breedsville, Mich.	9 of 1903
8127	Manistique, Mich.	11 of 1903
9299	Cedar Run, Mich.	7 of 1903
9442	Crawford, Mich.	9 of 1903
10769	Owendale, Mich.	11 of 1903
11119	Soule, Mich.	11 of 1903
11179	Drummond, Mich.	10 of 1903
11370	Joyfield, Mich.	11 of 1903
1624	Sherman, S. D.	9 of 1903
2406	White Lake, S. D.	11 of 1903
7074	Trent, S. D.	9 of 1903
8536	Avon, S. D.	11 of 1903
10882	Virgil, S. D.	8 of 1903
4797	Stanley, N. D.	11 of 1903
7587	Wales, N. D.	9 of 1903
7706	Bowdon, N. D.	11 of 1903
6410	Osgood, Mo.	10 of 1903
6490	Wellington, Mo.	8 of 1903
7443	Musselfork, Mo.	11 of 1903
8943	Topaz, Mo.	9 of 1903
9157	Cross Timbers, Mo.	11 of 1903
11107	Arden, Mo.	8 of 1903
11349	Wardell, Mo.	11 of 1903
11013	Brownsville, Ind.	11 of 1903
11385	Waynesburg, Ind.	11 of 1903
5674	Columbus, O.	9 of 1903
8874	Bluecreek, O.	9 of 1903
11182	Shiloh, O.	10 of 1903
5921	Blacksville, W. Va.	8 of 1903
9253	Friendly, W. Va.	10 of 1903
9753	Alvon, W. Va.	7 of 1903
10004	Cass, W. Va.	7 of 1903
10944	Greenbank, W. Va.	7 of 1903
11286	Gauley Bridge, W. Va.	9 of 1903
7548	Jersey Shore, Pa.	8 of 1903
8569	No. Clarendon, Pa.	9 of 1903
9153	Derry Station, Pa.	11 of 1903
10743	Kelletville, Pa.	8 of 1903
11072	Chatham, Pa.	7 of 1903
11167	East Stroudsburg, Pa.	8 of 1903
11300	Sutersville, Pa.	8 of 1903
11128	Cumberland, Wyo.	11 of 1903
5914	Goldbutte, Mont.	9 of 1903
10902	Saltese, Mont.	11 of 1903
11141	Five Mile, Mont.	7 of 1903
7413	Council, Idaho	9 of 1903
10369	Paha, Wash.	8 of 1903
10444	Welch, Wash.	9 of 1903
11234	Holly, Wash.	7 of 1903
8622	Sweet Home, Ore.	8 of 1903
9176	Lonerock, Ore.	9 of 1903
10000	Warrenton, Ore.	10 of 1903
10443	Monkland, Ore.	10 of 1903
7901	Fernando, Cal.	7 of 1903
8055	Maxwell, Cal.	9 of 1903
8367	Sacramento, Cal.	10 of 1903
10915	Cosumne, Cal.	11 of 1903
11269	Paskenta, Cal.	11 of 1903
9166	Aguilar, Colo.	11 of 1903
9370	Orchard, Colo.	7 of 1903
11291	Camargo, Okla.	11 of 1903
11355	Fairmont, Okla.	11 of 1903
11399	Hedrick, Okla.	11 of 1903
10859	Braggs, Ind. Ter.	10 of 1903
10986	Maple, Ind. Ter.	9 of 1903
11043	Oktaha, Ind. Ter.	8 of 1903
11109	Bethel Hill, Ind. Ter.	8 of 1903
11258	Sulphur, Ind. Ter.	9 of 1903
10590	Galloways, Md.	11 of 1903
10573	Hammonton, N. J.	7 of 1903
11317	Orange, N. J.	11 of 1903
9902	Cayuga, N. Y.	11 of 1903
9949	Ischua, N. Y.	8 of 1903
10092	Middletown, N. Y.	11 of 1903
10306	Pittsford, N. Y.	10 of 1903
10441	Prattsburg, N. Y.	10 of 1903
11014	Gasport, N. Y.	8 of 1903
11341	La Salle, N. Y.	10 of 1903
8776	Valley Falls, R. I.	11 of 1903
10739	Arctic, R. I.	11 of 1903
11239	Centerdale, R. I.	8 of 1903
11001	Windsor, Vt.	10 of 1903
10649	Vernal, Utah	7 of 1903
11409	Mayfield, Ky.	11 of 1903

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Month Ended January 30, 1904.

RECAPITULATION.

Benefit Fund.

Balance December 31, 1903	$1,200,159 55
Receipts, January, 1904	515,470 95
	$1,715,630 50
Disbursements January, 1904	514,150 00
Balance January 30, 1904	$1,201,480 50

General Fund.

Balance December 31, 1903	$401,767 33
Receipts, January, 1904	329,320 86
Receipts, see items below	8,243 05
	$739,331 24
Disbursements January, 1904	82,809 33
Balance January 30, 1904	$656,521 91

Receipts by States.	Benefit Fund.	General Fund.
Illinois	$108,972 45	$63,009 54
Iowa	55,977 65	35,119 03
Wisconsin	38,138 55	25,712 07
Kansas	46,893 70	29,141 57
Nebraska	33,951 05	20,461 13
Minnesota	36,221 60	24,955 09
Michigan	25,462 50	18,457 37
South Dakota	10,020 50	6,358 33
North Dakota	8,556 25	5,551 95
Missouri	46,716 30	31,352 34
Indiana	17,612 45	12,399 99
Ohio	14,245 40	10,588 09
West Virginia	3,079 00	1,867 42
Pennsylvania	9,820 10	6,015 43
Wyoming	1,034 15	613 45
Montana	4,800 65	2,406 80
Idaho	2,126 80	1,425 21
Washington	8,810 25	5,602 96
Oregon	3,133 80	2,130 71
California	6,357 85	3,973 92
Colorado	5,757 65	3,097 40
Oklahoma	7,831 95	5,083 45
Indian Territory	2,404 60	1,351 18
Maryland	1,048 25	627 65
Delaware	445 15	237 96
New Jersey	1,407 95	984 94
New York	6,433 85	4,938 57
Connecticut	2,252 65	1,479 43
Rhode Island	990 55	619 86
Vermont	1,206 05	1,175 85
Maine	2,082 20	1,567 56
Utah	737 45	405 74
Nevada	93 75	55 95
Virginia	161 90	151 47
Kentucky	604 75	355 35
Arizona	31 40	22 60
District of Columbia	49 85	23 50
Interest	.....	8,163 05
Refunds	.....	20 00
Rent	.....	60 00
Total	$515,470 95	$337,563 91

General Fund Disbursements.

Salary Head Clerk	$375 00
Employes' pay-roll	7,795 40
Office expense "Clerk"	200 28
Postage	1,568 60
Salary Head Banker	300 00
Office expense "Banker"	94 01
Salary Head Consul	416 66
Office expense "Consul"	1,640 28
Board of Directors	2,376 91
Litigation	387 38
General expense	7,052 07
Official paper	5,709 25
Supplies for resale	4,963 29
Furniture	127 38
Board of Auditors	1,659 90
Expense Head Physicians	290 05
Expense field work	23,299 24
Expense Head Camp (Foresters)	843 87
Salary General Attorneys	750 00
Legal expense	514 34
Salary Editor	300 00
Occupation rebate	61 05
Building account	1,925 00
Library	271 70
Revision record	2,668 25
Supreme Medical Directors	1,448 42
Camp bond account	15,771 00
Total	$82,809 33

I certify that the foregoing statement correctly exhibits the financial transactions of my office for the month ended January 30, 1904.

C. W. HAWES,
Head Clerk, M. W. of A.

STATEMENT OF HEAD BANKER

M. W. OF A.

Daily Business and Balances for the Month Ended January 31, 1904.

BENEFIT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand December 31, 1903		$1,299,524 50
Received from Head Clerk—		
January 6	29,985 05	
January 12	16,748 50	
January 14	22,567 05	
January 15	21,035 40	
January 18	30,304 70	
January 19	35,804 05	
January 21	34,839 65	
January 22	40,164 30	
January 22	20,371 90	
January 26	52,065 70	
January 26	25,514 90	
January 27	33,338 00	
January 29	36,413 80	
Total receipts		$1,698,727 50

Disbursements.

Paid various orders—		
January 2	$56,750 00	
January 4	15,600 00	
January 5	7,875 00	
January 6	6,000 00	
January 8	5,000 00	
January 9	2,400 00	
January 11	7,000 00	
January 12	1,000 00	
January 13	2,000 00	
January 14	1,000 00	
January 15	7,000 00	
January 18	5,500 00	
January 20	3,000 00	
January 21	5,000 00	
January 22	44,000 00	
January 23	68,175 00	
January 25	58,000 00	
January 26	53,500 00	
January 27	64,500 00	
January 28	33,000 00	
January 29	46,333 40	
Total disbursements	$525,383 40	
Balance on hand January 31, 1904	1,173,344 10	
Total		$1,698,727 50

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand December 31, 1903		$407,795 59
Received from Head Clerk—		
January 6	1,467 79	
January 12	1,900 35	
January 14	22,953 36	
January 15	13,857 57	
January 18	19,613 52	
January 19	23,110 39	
January 21	22,481 79	
January 22	25,887 67	
January 22	13,401 90	
January 26	33,229 38	
January 26	16,742 08	
January 27	22,077 44	
January 29	23,937 84	
Total receipts	$648,456 67	

Disbursements.

Paid various orders—		
January 2	$1,720 85	
January 4	1,503 22	
January 5	781 30	
January 6	350 25	
January 7	972 91	
January 8	117 53	
January 9	39 24	
January 11	30 08	
January 12	286 99	
January 13	3 30	
January 14	79 73	
January 15	327 05	
January 16	62 96	
January 19	678 60	
January 20	13,863 53	
January 21	6,114 28	
January 22	16,419 72	
January 23	4,492 28	
January 25	3,931 82	
January 26	6,919 21	
January 27	1,857 66	
January 28	3,419 16	
January 29	1,751 64	
January 30	774 31	
Total	$66,497 62	
Balance in fund	581,959 05	
		$648,456 67

RECAPITULATION.

Both Funds.

Balance last report, Dec. 31, 1903		$1,707,320 09
Receipts during month—		
Benefit	$399,203 00	
General	240,661 08	639,864 08
Grand total		$2,347,184 17
Disbursements during month—		
Benefit	$525,383 40	
General	66,497 62	591,881 02
Balance		$1,755,303 15

State of Wisconsin, } ss.
County of Rock, }

I, A. N. Bort, Head Banker for the Modern Woodmen of America, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. N. BORT,
Head Banker, M. W. of A.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of February, A. D. 1904.

[Seal.] BURDETTE P. ELDRED,
Notary Public.

Addresses Wanted.

John A. McMillan, St. Peter, Minn., wishes the address of D. J. McMillan.

Aaron Larson, Box 23, Andover, Ill., wishes the address of his brother, J. L. Larson.

John J. Ulve, Thompson, Ia., wishes the address of his brother, Thomas J. Ulve.

Neighbor O. W. Allen, Scappoose, Ore., wishes the address of his brother, Henry W. Allen.

J. C. Johnson, Hyde Park, N. D., wishes to ascertain the address of his son, Wm. Henry Johnson.

Mrs. DeForest Barber, 301 Shawnee Ave., Kansas City, Kan., wishes the address of her husband, DeForest Barber.

Mrs. Hattie Beatty, Lawrence, Kan., wishes the address of her husband, W. S. Beatty, a member in good standing of Camp 407.

J. M. Tindall, clerk of Camp 9698, Hannibal, Mo., wishes the address of Geo. Bernard, who was formerly employed by the Missouri Bridge Building Co.

Ruben Rearick, Pillager, Minn., wishes the address of his brother, Seymour Rearick. Last heard from nineteen years ago in San Diego, Cal.

James M. Snow, Rosedale, Ind., R. F. D. No. 2, wishes the address of his sister, Mrs. Annie Myers, or her husband, Geo. Myers, last heard from in Western Arkansas.

Neighbor H. Anderson, Port Angeles, Wash., wishes the address of his brother, Tallef (Charley) Anderson. Their father died January 1, and it is necessary to find Tallef in order that the estate may be settled.

Fat Folks.

I am a trained nurse; 14 years ago I reduced 45 pounds by a harmless remedy; oh, so easy; no exercise, no regain; nothing to sell. Address with stamp. I will tell how it was done. Miss M. W. Topping, 318 Ogden avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Summary Work of Deputy Head Consuls.

Month of January, 1904.

State.	Number of New Camps.	Members New Camps.	Members Old Camps.	Total.
Indiana	2	32	538	570
Missouri	1	21	352	373
Oklahoma	5	109	247	356
Illinois	2	40	305	345
Ohio	3	54	260	314
Iowa	2	42	254	296
Michigan	..	...	263	263
Kansas	..	...	259	259
Minnesota	1	22	227	249
Nebraska	1	15	222	237
Pennsylvania	3	50	180	230
Kentucky	7	120	90	210
East New York	3	40	126	166
Indian Territory	3	54	109	163
Colorado	3	49	110	159
Washington	2	26	115	141
California	..	...	134	134
Virginia	5	88	34	122
West New York	2	38	77	115
South Dakota	1	11	95	106
Wisconsin	..	...	100	100
South Chicago	..	...	86	86
Montana	1	33	43	76
Idaho	1	20	54	74
St. Louis	..	...	74	74
Milwaukee	1	15	53	68
North Dakota	1	15	52	67
Vermont	..	...	60	60
Maine	..	...	53	53
North Chicago	1	18	33	51
Connecticut	..	...	51	51
Oregon	..	...	48	48
West Maryland	1	16	31	47
New Jersey	1	23	22	45
Cleveland	..	...	42	42
West Virginia	..	...	34	34
Pittsburg	1	17	13	30
Arizona	1	17	8	25
Detroit	..	...	22	22
Philadelphia	1	22	...	22
Wyoming	..	...	18	18
Rhode Island	..	...	16	16
District of Columbia	..	...	10	10
Utah	..	...	8	8
Delaware	..	...	5	5
Cincinnati	..	...	5	5
East Maryland	..	...	2	2
Nevada	..	...	...	...
Total	56	1007	4940	5947

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F. O. VAN GALDER, Editor.....Rock Island, Ill.

In publishing cut of W. J. Bryan, in February Woodman, the number of his camp was given as 969, Lincoln, Neb. It should have read Camp 190, Lincoln, Neb.

A few dissatisfied members have left our society because of the slight increase in rates. However, the society still remains. A lady once addressed her servant: "Bridget, what are you doing—sweeping out the room?" "No, marm," replied the maid, giving her broom a more vigorous swing, "I do be only sweeping out the dirt, and leaving the room!"

A conscientious person affirms that he once in his life beheld people, even those who belonged to rival fraternal societies, "minding their own business." To prove this to one who had noticed the manner in which "the other fellow" had referred to the rival society during its distress days of rate change, he explained that this "one time," was at sea when every one on board ship was too sea-sick to attend to anyone but himself.

Our poet, on January 25, when the thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero, broke forth as follows: "Too cold to sleep, too cold to lie; too cold to laugh, too cold to cry; too cold to stand, too cold to sit; too cold to work, too cold to quit; too cold to ride, too cold to walk; too cold to read, too cold to talk; too cold to eat, too cold to drink; too cold to write, too cold to think; too cold to scold, too cold to tease; too cold to cough, too cold to sneeze; too cold to play, too cold to sing; too cold to do most anything. But no, alas, I've stopped too quick, it's not too cold for me to kick."

A college student being examined in Locke, where he speaks of our relation to the Deity, stated a well known fact when asked "What relation do we most neglect?" and he artlessly answered, "Poor relations, sir." We may declare that blood is thicker than water, and that relatives will not let widows and orphans come to want, yet it is admittedly true that the relative who has been bereft of loved ones is more cordially received if she happen to have a few thousands life insurance coming, than is the poor relation whose husband or father died without life insurance and left his dependents penniless.

"Never look sad; there is nothing so bad as getting familiar with sorrow; treat him today in a cavalier way, and he'll seek other quarters tomorrow." This is a true sentiment told by someone in rhyme. It contains the best kind of advice, but if the writer had said that a certificate in some good fraternal beneficiary society was one of the best things to prevent widows and orphans from "getting familiar with sorrow," he would have told a truth. To treat "sorrow in a cavalier way" is to put into the hands of little ones the solid dollar the fraternal benefit certificate calls for.

A line in one of Moore's songs reads: "Our couch shall be roses bespangled with dew." To which a sensible young miss, according to Landor, replied: "It would give me the rheumatiz, and so it would you." We all like flowers in their place and we all like to go to our couch and lie "down to pleasant dreams." How would we rest our head upon a rose-strewn couch if when we came to lie down for the last time we realized that no provision had been made for the future for those dearer to us than life itself whom we must leave helpless to combat life's battles and endure the bitter burdens of dependency! How much better to go to the fraternal beneficiary societies for that protection for loved ones which brings to our last thoughts the happy consciousness that we have done what we could to "provide for those of our own house."

On the first day of February there remained allowed by the Board of Directors, but still unpaid, claims amounting to $5,128.55. These claims can not be paid because beneficiaries are not found and minors have not yet had guardians appointed. It would be a splendid idea if each member would attach to his certificate a letter stating just where his beneficiaries can be found in case of his death, because our society has continually on hand waiting allowed claims simply because no one is able to give the post-office address of those named as beneficiaries in certificate.

Some of our would-be fraternal beneficiary society reformers seem to forget for whose benefit these societies came into existence. Even though this may not be the popular thing to say at this particular time, right down in your heart of hearts, my brother, will you not admit it to be the truth? Keep this truth everlastingly before you, and ponder it well: The fraternal beneficiary system did not come into existence for the benefit of the rich man, although he may find splendid protection under its pure white banners. It was created by man for the toiler, the plodder, the striver for better things, for the great middle class, the people who do and the people who are. For the man who thinks his home the best place on earth; for the man who believes his wife is the dearest wife man ever had; for the man who thinks that his children are the best children in the world. For such as these, remember, the fraternal beneficiary societies were given to the world. Do not, in your ambition to make better, in your zeal to perfect, bring about such conditions that the societies will be placed beyond the financial reach of those for whom they were instituted. Better them; perfect them; perpetuate them; but always remember that a child must have ability to walk before it is placed upon its feet and its support taken away. If you cripple the child so it dies, you can never teach it to take a forward upright step in the art of perfect walking.

January Growth.

The record for January showed a marked improvement over the month of December. There were fifty-four camp charters written and 6,374 certificates issued. The growth for February promises to be still better.

An Assessment for March.

An assessment has been levied for March and the same must be paid by each member to the clerk of his local camp on or before the last day of March. Assessments cannot be paid direct to the Head Office, but must come through the local camp to the Head Office to comply with the by-laws.

Head Officers' Dates.

Head Consul Talbot, and Directors E. E. Murphy and C. J. Byrns are to hold several meetings in the eastern part of our jurisdiction. On February 26 they were to attend a large meeting at Steelton, Pa.; on February 29 at Newark, N. J.; March 1 at Yonkers, N. Y., and on March 4, at Washington, D. C. In each of these cities large numbers of Woodmen were expected to greet our leaders. On March 11, Head Consul Talbot will address a meeting of Woodmen at Fremont, Neb.; on March 22, at O'Neill, Neb., and on March 25 at Atchison, Kan.

To Meet Twice a Month.

On account of the steady increase in magnitude of their duties the Board of Directors have decided to hereafter hold two stated meetings a month in order to promptly expedite all business matters. For years Modern Woodmen of America has had the reputation of paying death claims a little more promptly than any other society. Now that stated meetings are to be held commencing on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, it will enable our directors to pay death claims still more promptly than ever before, as benefit claims will be allowed at each stated meeting, instead of at only one meeting a month as heretofore. This will be a change in the business conduct of the society which will be appreciated by every member.

New Chairman.

At a stated meeting of the Board of Directors convened at Rock Island, Ill., February 3, Director Geo. W. Reilly was elected chairman of the Board of Directors, vice Hon. E. E. Murphy, who resigned as chairman. Mr. Murphy has made a most efficient chairman of the Board and presided with such eminent impartiality and fairness that he was kept in that office long past the ordinary term. Mr. Reilly will also make a painstaking and conscientious official.

Woodmen Money Safe.

The bank of McCutchen & Co. at Holstein, Ia., was a Modern Woodmen depository and on the date of the death of Mr. E. H. McCutchen, its president, there was on deposit there $100,000 of the society's funds. On notice of the death of the president, a committee consisting of Directors E. E. Murphy and C. G. Saunders, General Attorneys J. W. White and B. D. Smith and Head Banker Bort, was appointed by the Board to go to Holstein and take any steps that might be deemed necessary to protect the society's interests. The committee visited Holstein and is of the opinion that the bank's assets will not equal its liabilities, but found that the Woodmen's funds are fully protected by a good and well secured bond for $200,000, double the amount of the deposit, so that the society will lose nothing by this condition of affairs.

Keep in Style.

To be out of style, some one has said, is like being out of the world. That, to our mind, depends on what the particular style is. If it is the style in a certain set to refer to Mr. James Brown as "Brown," we don't like the style. If a man has a title and a name he is entitled to be addressed by that title and that name. It has been the style to refer to the chief officer of a local camp as "venerable" consul, and to the second in command as "worthy" adviser. We are now advised that the style has changed and these officers are to be addressed simply as "consul" and "adviser." Our old-fashioned ear has been so long tuned to hearing "Venerable consul, we hail thee," and "Worthy adviser, have I permission to approach the clerk's desk?" we do not like the new style. All in favor of retaining the old landmarks of "venerable" and "worthy," will please hold up their hands. Those opposed may give the "sign of distress," for we intend to keep these two old, familiar adjectives in our vocabulary.

Woodmen Greeted by Maccabees.

Wednesday evening, January 20, Head Consul Talbot was tendered a reception by the Woodmen of Port Huron. The Head Consul was accompanied by Director C. J. Byrns, National Lecturer Chas. E. Whelan, Supervising Deputy Edward Burns and State Deputy E. J. Bullard. The reception was held at Masonic Temple and Mayor Graves delivered the address of welcome. Addresses were also delivered by Director Byrns, National Lecturer Whelan, Edward Burns and Head Consul Talbot. At the close of the meeting the Great Officers of the Modern Maccabees banqueted the visiting Woodmen at the Hotel Herrington. A very unique menu was prepared, containing on the first page half-tones of Great Commander Boynton and Head Consul Talbot. The card was a very unique affair encased in leather. J. B. McIlwaine was toastmaster and in a few well chosen words told of the warm feeling existing between the Modern Woodmen and the Modern Maccabees. Major N. S. Boynton, the Great Commander, owing to illness, was unable to be present and Dr. Talbot Sleneau, Great Medical Examiner for the Maccabees, took his place on the program. Toasts were responded to by Head Consul Talbot, C. E. Whelan, E. J. Jeffries and C. H. Thomas, making the event one of unusual interest to the officers of both societies.

The influence that is shed in our local organizations, combined with the benign teachings and principles of fraternalism, can not but be of direct and positive benefit to all who may come in contact with it.

Suddenly Called.

If any member is inclined to lapse his membership in Modern Woodmen because of the slight change in rates we would ask him to consider for a moment the condition his family would be left in should he meet with sudden death. To show the liability of members who are in good health suddenly losing their lives we refer to the following cases, death proofs of which were presented to the Board of Directors at the January meeting. While this list may seem unusually large an investigation shows that it is only the average, as each month there are from fifteen to twenty-five accidental deaths in the list of claims allowed:

H. Roy Carpenter was a healthy young milkman holding membership in Camp 368, of Cedar Falls, Ia. He was only a little past thirty years of age. He had been a member of our society for four years, ten months, and fourteen days, carrying a benefit certificate for $2,000, made payable to his mother, Mary Puckett, when he lost his life at Waterloo, Ia., from an accidental injury. He was peddling milk when in driving over the Illinois Central railway crossing he was struck by a train and so injured that death resulted a short time afterward. He had paid into the benefit fund of the society only $44, for which his mother will receive $2,000 in cash.

James R. Bivens was another young man, aged 33 years, seven months and seventeen days, and had been a member of our society for two years, four months, and three days, holding membership in Camp 9359, at Haywood, Mo., when he was killed while at work in the woods by a tree accidentally falling upon him and killing him. His certificate for $2,000 is made payable to his young son, Avery C. Bivens. He had paid into the society $22.95, for which his son will receive $2,000.

Maryjon Podgorski, who held membership in Camp 2341, Duluth, Minn., died December 22, from the effect of accidental injury. He had been a member of our society for two years, five months, and twenty-seven days, and held a benefit certificate for $1,000, which is payable to his wife, Josie. He had paid into the benefit fund of the society $13.05. He was crushed by a log rolling upon him while at work in a lumber camp and died shortly afterwards from his injuries.

Thos. V. Kelly, a member of Camp 4705, of Mt. Vernon, O., died December 8 from the effect of accidental injury after a membership in our society of six years, four months, and nineteen days. He held a benefit certificate for $2,000, payable to Mary S. Kelly, on which he had paid into the benefit fund a total of $77. He was struck by an engine and accidently killed in the yards, at Akron, O., where he had gone to search for a job at his trade of molder.

Geo. Hanson, who held membership in Camp 6402, at Covert, Mich., died on December 2 after a membership in our society of two years, three months, and eighteen days. He was a carpenter by trade and held a benefit certificate for $1,000, payable to his wife, Addie Hanson. He had paid into the benefit fund a total of only $14.50. He fell from a ladder and received injuries from which he died.

Fred Boettcher, who held membership in Camp 984, at Dubuque, Ia., died December 15 from the effect of accidental injury after a membership in our society of eleven years, three months, and twenty-nine days. He was engaged in excavating gravel when a mass of the material caved in and partially buried him, inflicting injuries from which he died one week later. He held a certificate for $2,000, made payable to his wife, Doror Boettcher. He had paid into the benefit fund of the society $109.80.

Sebastian Meier, who held membership in Camp 6231, Cass Lake, Minn., died on December 9 from accidental injury, after a membership in our society of two years, four months and twenty-two days. He was walking on a railroad track from the car shops to the depot, to inspect an incoming train, when a light engine ran him down, injuring him so severely that he lived only one day after the accident. He held a certificate for $2,000, payable to his wife, Mrs. Caroline Meier. He had paid into the benefit fund of our society $30.80.

Local Press With Us.

Modern Woodmen of America certainly owes a debt of gratitude to the editors of local papers all over our jurisdiction. During the last two months the papers have been more than generous in giving of their space to our society. We can only say to them on behalf of our great society: Gentlemen, we thank you. We wish we had space to reproduce all the good editorials they have given our society. Here is one from the Journal, published at Binger, Okla., which is a sample of the splendid notices given: "'No assessment for February' is the message the February number of the Modern Woodman paper carries to an army of 711,000 members. This is welcome news to the boys, who have been listening for something of that kind to drop from headquarters. Many predicted that the raise in rates would give the order its death-blow, but the membership is more active and more determined than ever. It is yet the cheapest insurance in existence even if an assessment should come every month, but we expect to see several years pass before that happens. The local camp is active and growing, new applications being presented at every meeting. Eight green saplings were seasoned by the Binger Camp during January." We are sure our members will show that they appreciate their kindly offices, by giving to the publishers of their local papers a more generous support than ever before.

World's Fair M. W. A. Souvenir Offer.

The World's Fair M. W. A. souvenirs offered by the Head Officers have no parallel in fraternal history; and, when Woodmen awaken to a full realization of this fact, the demand will be so great that the supply will soon be exhausted. The race will be to the swift, and those Neighbors who procrastinate must expect to take the risk of being too late.

Read the offer again, and ask that your camp clerk read it at every meeting of your camp, until every Neighbor is alive to this opportunity; then go to work, and build up your camp membership and be twice rewarded for your loyalty and labor.

Do not lose sight of the fact that you cannot get all of these M. W. A. World's fair souvenirs in any other way. They are protected by copyrights and controlled exclusively by the Temple Bureau of Information, which has made it possible for Modern Woodmen to obtain these beautiful and valuable souvenirs.

We present cuts of the Temple of Fraternity and the souvenir admission, which cannot fail to enthuse our membership when they know that these souvenirs, together with the map of the World's fair grounds, are works of art—the product of the best engravers, printed in the official colors of the World's fair.

After re-reading the offer, together with the following descriptive matter pertaining to these souvenirs, Neighbors will wish to win these prizes, which have both intrinsic and souvenir values.

feasts, will make Modern Woodmen week one great gala day, six days long, never to be forgotten by those who are fortunate enough to be there. No fraternity has ever been honored by a souvenir of this nature, prior to this time.

FRATERNAL TEMPLE INN.

The face side of this souvenir will bear perfect reproductions of the Modern Woodmen Head Officers at Rock Island, the official emblem of the M. W. A., the Temple of Fraternity, the Temple Inn—Fraternity Cafe—the Cascade Gardens, and the seal of the World's Fair Fraternal Building Association; while the reverse side will bear a reproduction of the World's fair official flag. This entire souvenir, including the flag, is printed in true official World's fair colors, and it will have an historic value in later years.

The certificate of membership in the Temple of Fraternity entitles the holder to all of the privileges of the magnificent Fraternity Club House at the World's fair. It is a handsome souvenir, suitable for framing, with the owner's name artistically engrossed thereon.

The benefits offered to members who secure these certificates and the membership cards which go with them are more than enough to pay members for securing these prizes if nothing more were given.

The Souvenir Book of World's Fair Views and descriptive matter is a handsome book, sufficiently ornate to adorn any drawing-room table and its possession in advance of one's coming to the World's fair will afford information that will save time and money.

The map of the World's fair grounds is the handsomest and best map of its kind published. It is printed in four colors, showing location of entrances, Temple of Fraternity, main buildings and all other places of interest; on the reverse side of the map will be found a colored map of St. Louis, showing relative location of the World's fair grounds, city parks, etc.

All four of these handsome and practical souvenirs, unequalled in World's fair history and never offered to fraternalists before, may be obtained by a little effort on the part of any member. Read the offer made by the Head Camp and published in the November Woodmen and then win a souvenir.

Modern Woodmen Souvenir
LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION
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ISSUED BY AUTHORITY
Management of the Temple of Fraternity
F. B. Davison, Supt.
The World's Fair Fraternal Building Association will honor this Souvenir when presented by the original holder for one
1904
Admission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition during Modern Woodmen week, Sept. 5th to 10th 1904 under conditions printed on the back hereof.

SOUVENIR TICKET.

The Modern Woodmen souvenir admission which will pass you into the World's fair, any one day during Modern Woodmen week, may be retained by the holder after being used, as a souvenir of the greatest demonstration ever made by the Modern Woodmen of America. It is estimated that 100,000 Woodmen will celebrate this occasion on the World's fair grounds during Woodmen week. The immense camp of foresters, the unparalleled Woodmen's parade and continuous social and intellectual functions and

An Old Member Dead.

One by one the pioneer members of our society are passing away. On January 10 there died at Fulton, Ill., at the age of seventy-nine years, six months and twenty-seven days, Neighbor Charles Hall, who became a member of Forest Camp No. 2 on May 2, 1883, and at the time of his death had been a member of our society for twenty years, eight months and eight days. He lived to a good old age and his rate on the $2,000 was $2.50 an assessment. Under the new table of assessments his rate was $3.40. He was loyal to the last and before his death had paid the first assessment under the new rate. But notwithstanding his long time in the society and his high rate he had paid into the benefit fund only $490.90, for which his son will receive $2,000 in cash. He held the seventy-fifth certificate issued, the same being 575. It will be remembered that no certificates were ever issued below No. 500.

QUERY CORNER

Question.—Our camp adopted the following resolution in November, 1903: "Resolved, that camp No. ——, located at ——, employed district deputy head consul and his assistants to solicit members for same until July 1, 1905, commencing on this date, and that he or they shall be allowed the membership fee of $5 for each new member accepted during said period by said camp." The question is, can we reconsider this and shorten the length of said period for charter being open?
CAMP 809.

Answer (by Head Consul Talbot).—Replying will say that section 21 of our rules of order, which may be found on page 97 of the 1903 by-laws, provides for the reconsideration of the action of a local camp, which must be made not later than the second regular meeting following the one upon which the question was voted upon. In accordance with that rule, any camp could reconsider resolution employing a deputy within two meetings of the date of passage of such resolution; but if the resolution stands beyond that time, it becomes an absolute contract between the camp and the deputy, and can only be reconsidered through the mutual agreement between the deputy and the camp which passed the resolution. The Antigo Camp, therefore, cannot reconsider the resolution adopted in November and shorten the time of employment, unless the deputy employed in the resolution consents to the same.

Question.—If a social member becomes suspended cannot he at any time reinstate by paying his dues to the camp clerk without any further ceremony? LARSON.

Answer.—Section 68 says any social member suspended for less than six months for non-payment of dues or fees may reinstate as such social member upon the payment of all arrearages, fines and dues. Any social member suspended for more than six months may reinstate only by surrendering his former certificate and complying with all the provisions of these by-laws relative to an original application of social membership. The ceremonies attending the reinstatement of a social member are not different from the reinstatement of a beneficial member.

Question.—Our camp here is an incorporated body, owning its own hall, and a store underneath; (a) Can camp lease store for the purpose of conducting a billiard or pool room? (b) Can venerable consul of said camp conduct a billiard or pool room and retain his office as head of camp? (c) Can venerable consul conduct said room and continue his insurance in our camp? 9715.

Answer.—Yes, to each of the three questions. There is nothing in our by-laws prohibiting a member from engaging in the business of conducting a billiard hall or pool room.

Question.—If a beneficial member has a certificate made payable to his father, and the father should die, would the mother get the amount of the certificate; and if the mother should die also, would the children get the full amount of the certificate?
H. S. S.

Answer.—If the father is named as the sole beneficiary, on his death the amount of the certificate would be payable to his legal heirs. In many states the wife is not an heir of the husband, especially when there are children living. If you wish the mother to receive with the father, then she should be named with him as beneficiary; then the surviving beneficiary under the certificate now issued would receive the amount of the certificate.

Question.—Has a camp a right to make a contract with a deputy at $3 per member and the camp receive $2?
F. H. MUELLER.

Answer.—Yes.

Question.—At age 34 I secured a certificate for $2,000 in Modern Woodmen of America. At age 39 I received an increase of $1,000, making my total protection $3,000. My clerk now says my rate is $2.55. Is he correct? J. F. H.

Answer—No. Your rate would be $2.35. Your rate on $2,000 at age 34 would be $1.50 and your rate on the $1,000 increase would be, at age 39, 85 cents, and $1.50 and 85 cents would make your correct rate $2.35.

Question.—Our camp is without a seal. Our clerk says the laws do not require us to have a seal. Is he correct?
A MEMBER.

Answer.—No; he is incorrect. Section 228a says every local camp shall provide and use a seal bearing the name, location and number of the camp, and such seal shall be impressed upon all pass reports and papers which require certificates by the consul and clerk of the local camp, or either of them.

Question.—Can a committee on an application for membership report on the applicant's physical condition, or are they simply to report just on his moral character?
THOMAS SIMPSON, Clerk 6719.

Answer.—The investigating committee are for the purpose of investigating an applicant to see if, in their judgment, he would be an acceptable beneficial member of our society. They should not only carefully consider his moral character, but should pay especial attention to his physical condition; and if in their judgment the applicant is not a good physical risk, they should recommend his rejection.

Question.—In closing a meeting of a camp at a public installation, is it proper to use the regular closing ceremony, as given in the ritual? V. C.

Answer.—A public meeting is never closed in form, as this would be contrary to the by-laws.

Question.—Is any camp of the Modern Woodmen under any obligations to render assistance to an old suspended member from another camp? CONSUL.

Answer.—No.

Question.—If a member removes to the Northwest Territory, Canada, to live, and keeps up his dues and assessments by sending them to his camp, would his certificate be good if he died while living there, or would it be null and void on account of living where the Modern Woodmen do not insure?

Answer.—A member of the Modern Woodmen of America may reside on any portion of the globe, and if he pays his dues and assessments regularly, his certificate remains just as good as though he continued his residence in the jurisdiction of his local camp. In other words, a Modern Woodman certificate furnishes protection to the member no matter in what country he may take up his residence after becoming a member.

Item of Interest.

The National Fraternal Congress has appointed a committee, with Hon. W. A. Northcott as chairman, to arrange for a great international fraternal congress to be held in St. Louis next year to which the leading managers of fraternal associations in all foreign countries will be invited.—Western Economist.

10c. a Year.

Surprising as it may appear, the new Rocky Mountain Magazine, published monthly at Denver, Colorado, will be sent an extra year solely to introduce it for 10c. Clubs of six 50c., 12 for $1; stamps taken. Western stories and fine views of scenery. Send today, address above.

SATISFIED WITH NEW RATE.

A Prominent Business Man's Opinion of Our Society Since Change Was Made.

Col. J. H. McClay, of Lincoln, Neb., holds membership in camp 2266. He is recognized as a thorough business man and is connected with the American Home Saving and Loan Society. Upon receipt from the clerk of his camp notifying him of the increase in assessment, he writes:

"I am just in receipt of notice from the clerk of the camp of which I am a member calling attention to the fact that beginning with January my assessments will be advanced upon my $2,000 certificate from $1.40 to $2.40. I am well satisfied with the new arrangements and have always felt that I was receiving $2,000 protection at an almost ridiculously small cost. I find no deviation from ordinary good business methods in the arrangement. Looking at the matter from a layman's point of view, I may say that the payment of death claims by the assessment is the all-important matter, and the membership must contribute a sufficient amount to meet these claims, with the addition of a reasonable fund for current expenses; and our society having no reserve fund to bother about, we may feel ourselves favored if permitted to live longer than our neighbors, even though by so doing we are called upon to contribute largely to beneficiaries of those who laid down the burden before us; or, briefly stated, we desire to pay our part of the burden so that when the time comes that our dependents become beneficiaries we may feel sure that ample provisions have been made."

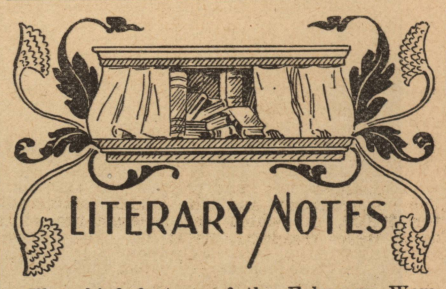
Old-Time Kansas Enthusiasm.

Director E. E. Murphy reports a week of enthusiastic meetings held in Kansas beginning at Hutchinson on January 25. He had with him for the week Head Consul A. R. Talbot and State Deputy Chas. Locknane. At Hutchinson it was a camp meeting and although it was a cold night there was a good attendance. District Deputy Grantham was also with them at Hutchinson. The members were enthusiastic and reported that they would not lose any members on account of change in rate. The next night, January 26, they were at Winfield, where there was a camp meeting and an oyster supper. Three hundred were present with large delegations from neighboring camps. The interest in the meeting was best demonstrated by four members who drove thirty-five miles to be present. At this meeting, in addition to Director Murphy, State Deputy Locknane, and District Deputy Grantham, State Deputy Shearer, of Oklahoma, was present. The report from this camp was that they would lose no one on account of change in rates. The next day they were at Wichita, Kan., where in the afternoon there was a parade nearly a mile long. The visitors were met at the station with a brass band, and there were three bands in the parade. The afternoon meeting was held in the auditorium and there was a meeting of the camp at night with 600 present. A class was initiated and the old-time enthusiasm prevailed. The officers reported the members as satisfied with the rate and at the meeting pledge was given to maintain the old-time Kansas hustle, and the Head Officers were assured that Wichita would do its share for the million men. The next day an open meeting was held at Fort Scott with the hall full. This also was a good meeting with splendid feeling. The last meeting of the week was held Friday evening, January 29, at Pittsburg. About five hundred were present and the best of feeling prevailed. Director Murphy's report of these series of meetings was very encouraging, and it is his intention to attend similar meetings over all the state at dates to be agreed upon later, as there is plenty of old-time enthusiasm and the members everywhere are anxious to hear the "Silver-Tongued Orator of Kansas" on the Woodmen stump again creating old-time enthusiasm for our society.

The Hustler Button.

Any member securing five beneficiary applications for his camp, who are adopted during any one month, will receive a handsome gold lapel button, known as the "Hustler Button," to be awarded through the Head Consul's office. The applicants may be ballotted upon in a preceding month, but must all be adopted in one calendar month. Upon request the Head Clerk will furnish to the camp clerks the proper blanks upon which to certify to the adoptions. This offer does not extend to the Neighbors who have heretofore received Hustler Buttons under previous offers, as a Neighbor is not entitled to receive more than one button. The following Neighbors have received buttons since last issue:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
8879	M. J. O'Hara	Elmira, N. Y.
264	Robert Ford	Hocking, Ia.
10332	W. Brandenstein	Schenectady, N. Y.
10137	A. J. B. Goodwin	Welch, Ind. Ter.
10137	C. R. Jones	Welch, Ind. Ter.
10137	V. A. Kinnison	Welch, Ind. Ter.
4640	W. J. Robinson	Severy, Kan.
390	W. Cahoon	Baraboo, Wis.
390	O. L. Gust	Baraboo, Wis.
9503	A. R. Schanbert	Rochester, N. Y.
3312	J. L. Vincent	Durham, Mo.
4416	Wm. Sturdy	Elwood, Ind.
5149	M. J. Schaefer	New Albany, Ind.
606	G. E. Scott	Kingman, Kan.
606	C. Elwood	Kingman, Kan.
11334	A. F. Moore	Milwaukee, Wis.
1730	Michael Matter	Highland, Ill.
1730	August Kamm	Highland, Ill.
8044	Lewis S. White	West Mansfield, O.
11334	M. E. Christiansen	Milwaukee, Wis.
11334	H. W. Stoecker	Milwaukee, Wis.
9046	A. Troutman	Kewanna, Ind.
9046	O. L. Leasure	Kewanna, Ind.
9046	W. A. Deyo	Kewanna, Ind.
9046	Wm. Miller	Kewanna, Ind.
961	Chas. Oliver	Iola, Kan.
230	W. M. Snaveley	Oelwein, Ia.
11040	I. Loskey	Troy, N. Y.
5173	F. P. Marshall	Great Falls, Mont.
3532	J. C. Bleiler	Milwaukee, Wis.
10895	Wm. W. Shelley	Graves, Okla.
10895	J. A. Kinsella	Graves, Okla.
7777	A. W. Hess	San Jose, Cal.
7777	D. J. Godfrey	San Jose, Cal.
8879	A. H. Gould	Elmira, N. Y.
2276	C. M. Wright	Columbus, O.
11344	E. L. Bloomfield	Buffalo, N. Y.
5751	L. D. Dieterich	Madison, Ind.
5751	Geo. E. Force	Madison, Ind.
10117	John Devett	Hobart, Okla.
11344	L. W. Couroe	Buffalo, N. Y.
3532	Wm. Bruce	Milwaukee, Wis.
255	Arthur Truesdale	Fremont, Neb.
2885	J. W. Burbank	Iron Mountain, Mich.
2885	Anton Minch	Iron Mountain, Mich.
2885	Chas. Heft	Iron Mountain, Mich.
2885	E. E. Alexander	Iron Mountain, Mich.
7684	Chas. Peterson	Iron Mountain, Mich.
7634	Howard D. Bobst	Reading, Pa.
1358	Geo. Waterman	Grand Rapids, Wis.
1049	Geo. Baldwin	Shenandoah, Ia.
1049	W. S. Brink	Shenandoah, Ia.
1049	W. S. Henderson	Shenandoah, Ia.
1358	John Wooddell	Grand Rapids, Wis.
6433	J. A. Honnes	Dongola, Ill.
6433	W. L. Keith	Dongola, Ill.
11331	B. H. Campbell	Louisville, Ky.
8080	Fred W. Edwards	Scranton, Pa.
6511	Arthur Hamel	Toledo, O.
9078	Edward Flavin	Syracuse, N. Y.
9078	David E. Fahey	Syracuse, N. Y.
3532	S. N. Clason	Milwaukee, Wis.
3532	Robert E. Miller	Milwaukee, Wis.
3532	Chas. Klaye	Milwaukee, Wis.
3532	Peter Just	Milwaukee, Wis.
11334	Frank M. Baldwin	Milwaukee, Wis.
11334	Ernest A. Litts	Milwaukee, Wis.
11334	Chas. Boyle	Milwaukee, Wis.
7629	W. E. Carpenter	Pawtucket, R. I.
4177	I. D. Barrow	Dresden, Mo.
2257	E. R. Merwin	Elk Creek, Neb.
2257	Wm. Petticord	Elk Creek, Neb.
2257	G. C. Brink	Elk Creek, Neb.
3684	G. C. Lathouse	Circleville, O.
1358	John Harder	Grand Rapids, Mich.
1358	Wm. Demers	Grand Rapids, Mich.
1358	A. D. Hill	Grand Rapids, Mich.
6125	L. J. Walker	LeMars, Ia.
6125	John Harrigan	LeMars, Ia.
3538	Thos. Quirk	Indianapolis, Ind.
3538	Walter Gearhart	Indianapolis, Ind.
390	Saul Cahoon	Baraboo, Wis.
390	W. J. White	Baraboo, Wis.
390	Roger Cahoon	Baraboo, Wis.
3575	L. Aumand	Shelby, O.
3575	Z. Keongh	Shelby, O.
7595	R. K. Crotzer	Scranton, Pa.
1055	H. N. Gland	Grand Haven, Mich.
4036	H. A. Danner	Frankfort, Ind.
6217	Ed Levant	Eleveth, Minn.
3372	J. R. Cage	Shelbyville, Ind.
3532	Frank Brandt	Milwaukee, Wis.
8864	D. S. West	Xenia, Kan.
9743	John Ryan	Denver, Colo.
961	J. E. Ballard	Iola, Kan.
4688	J. B. Hartzell	Alliance, O.
3744	W. E. Flanders	Paris, Mo.
6474	B. M. Noll	Wheeling, W. Va.
4727	E. E. Armstrong	Newark, O.
4727	O. E. Keeran	Newark, O.
4727	R. J. Burkshire	Newark, O.
3376	W. C. Wade	Terre Haute, Ind.
11344	Homer Davis	Buffalo, N. Y.
11356	W. I. LeFevere	Cleveland, O.
11356	R. F. Livermore	Cleveland, O.
8354	G. E. Muslain	Bellefontaine, O.
7119	D. R. Frohock	Portland, Ore.
8014	L. F. Lamette	Swanton, Vt.
9413	H. L. Cordrey	Poynor, Mo.
409	H. Sharkey	Merrill, Wis.
5995	C. H. Benjamine	Columbus, O.
3376	W. H. Tibbitt	Terre Haute, Ind.
3306	S. A. Peterson	South Bend, Ind.
3831	H. F. Widman	Dentonville, Kan.
3993	G. H. Harman	Portsmouth, O.
1660	Elmer Hare	Viola, Kan.
1660	W. Graham	Viola, Kan.
5437	B. L. Nortin	Columbia, S. D.
5437	W. G. Osthoff	Columbia, S. D.
10332	Percy Gallup	Schenectady, N. Y.
10332	John H. Crawmer	Schenectady, N. Y.
1008	E. Rifenberg	Owasso, Mich.
780	A. A. Smith	Fullerton, Neb.
10227	M. Connors	Syracuse, N. Y.
8879	W. E. Terry	Elmira, N. Y.
8879	A. W. Bennett	Elmira, N. Y.
9411	H. Zebulske	Tonawanda, N. Y.
1309	Chas. Holmes	Whiting, Ia.
5806	A. G. McCann	Chester, Pa.
4239	J. D. Coulter	Nickerson, Minn.
895	C. Guard	Beloit, Kan.
11356	Jas. Connors	Cleveland, O.
11356	H. C. Roche	Cleveland, O.
11356	J. M. Moyer	Cleveland, O.
11356	Edwin Lindus	Cleveland, O.
11356	H. Berkowitz	Cleveland, O.
11356	L. W. Minty	Cleveland, O.
6500	L. C. Luft	Cleveland, O.
8463	C. A. Garrett	Mangum, Okla.
6180	Jos. Cernovolavek	Sioux City, Ia.
3261	Edgar C. Howerton	Seymour, Ind.
3265	R. R. Armstrong	Randolph, Ia.
280	F. E. Luther	Osceola, Ia.
1926	H. A. Brainerd	Chester, Neb.
11331	E. O. Witherspoon	Louisville, Ky.
11331	Jas. E. Payne	Louisville, Ky.
11331	J. M. Canfield	Louisville, Ky.
6055	C. N. Gilman	The Dalles, Ore
8563	A. E. Schein	Denver, Colo.
732	D. A. Dealy	Yankton, S. D.
1660	W. W. Clinkenpul	Viola, Kan.
11334	A. C. Brown	Milwaukee, Wis.
11334	R. O. Boggs	Milwaukee, Wis.
11334	B. Westphal	Milwaukee, Wis.
961	R. R. Swartz	Iola, Kan.
5149	Chas. Baggerly	New Albany, Ind.
2976	Wm. Pasha	Kansas City, Kan.
1926	W. E. Green	Chester, Neb.
1926	Hiram Woodford	Chester, Neb.
8259	Louis Schrago	Denver, Colo.
2437	E. W. Burgren	Clarkfield, Minn.
4727	W. M. Moler	Newark, O.
4727	Robert Darnes	Newark, O.
4727	S. O. Traff	Newark, O.
961	A. R. Fry	Iola, Kan.
1100	H. W. Benson	Giltner, Neb.
1358	H. C. Timm	Grand Rapids, Wis.
1358	John Ray	Grand Rapids, Wis.
9289	H. G. Davis	Reading, Pa.
9289	C. L. King	Reading, Pa.
9289	J. W. Suender	Reading, Pa.
9289	J. A. Fisher	Reading, Pa.
1867	Geo. Evans	Fairbury, Neb.
7269	Isador Coret	Denver, Colo.
4908	Frank T. Horan	Grandin, Mo.
1224	F. A. Sailor	Gordon, Neb.
6511	W. D. Mosher	E. Toledo, O.
8743	Henry Kunkel	Indianapolis, Ind.
8743	C. B. Hutskamp	Indianapolis, Ind.
3197	Chas. Harris	Fostoria, O.
6474	Gus Rust	Wheeling, W. Va.
9835	A. I. Adams	Honcut, Cal.
9329	Jos. Hart	Fulton, N. Y.
8702	J. J. Colon	Scotia, N. Y.
8702	E. H. Gardner	Schenectady, N. Y.
8661	U. G. Hurley	Auburn, Cal.
1502	A. A. Allen	St. Edward, Neb.
1502	W. C. McFayden	St. Edward, Neb.
5976	D. W. Gasbo	Atlanta, Ind.
60	John Cotton	Elgin, Ill.
9132	Will A. Thayer	Gobleville, Mich.
9132	S. B. Nash	Gobleville, Mich.
9132	W. L. Walker	Gobleville, Mich.
9132	G. A. Cheney	Gobleville, Mich.
9132	Ed S. Reading	Gobleville, Mich.
3557	Burr Custer	Marion, Ind.
9503	F. W. Swartzenburg	Rochester, N. Y.
7269	Adolf Weber	Denver, Colo.
1529	Wm. La Rue	Raymond, Neb.
1529	C. A. Leekliter	Raymond, Neb.
4666	Sam Dourey	Halstad, Minn.
916	W. K. Black	Iola, Kan.
3542	C. A. Briggs	Cambridge, O.
308	A. E. Glossop	Rushville, Ill.
7176	E. F. Holman	Lapeer, Mich.
1064	C. B. Dalton	Wessington, S. D.
7872	Wm. Knoff	Nerstrand, Minn.
5216	Robt. Ladrach	Bakersville, O.
3557	S. G. Rogers	Marion, Ind.
33766	S. W. Smith	Galion, O.



The chief feature of the February Woman's Home Companion was a visit to the home of Thomas Edison. It is a story of extraordinary interest and all interested in the life of this great inventor should procure a copy.

Pearson's Magazine is making a feature in a series of articles entitled the "Story of the States," the history of each state being written by one competent to handle the subject in an interesting and instructive manner. Pearson's always contains a chapter of short stories and much of general interest.

We have received a copy of "Manual of Parliamentary Terms and Procedure," by Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, Supreme Commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, which is a most complete volume on parliamentary practice. It contains all the motions made, with full explanation of each, and with it before him no presiding officer need err in his ruling.

The good work of the St. Nicholas League increases nobly. Four cash prize-winners are announced in the February department. This means that these fortunate boys and girls first won silver badges, or second rank, then gold badges, or first place, and now first rank again. It is not necessary to be a subscriber of the magazine to belong to the league. Full particulars can be gleaned from addresing the St. Nicholas, New York city. This popular magazine is always brim full of good reading for live boys and girls.

Book Notices.

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BY DR. J. L. SHORT.

Away back, many, many years ago
Woman could not keep a secret, you know.
That was the men's conclusion, at any rate;
So women stayed at home, subject to their fate.

But there was one woman, Ned Jones' wife,
Who vowed she'd know all Ned did if it cost her her life.
Ned joined the Masons and was to be put through;
Then she began to plan what and how to do.

She could not be content till she knew it all;
So she went to town and hid in the hall.
She got up in the attic, where she had to creep;
Then sprawled on a plank, so she could peep.

When the goat was brought in, with Ned on its back,
And began to buck and Ned's teeth began to crack,
His wife crawled forward to look just then,—
But she was on a plank loose at one end.

She had to move a little, so as to see it all;
Then the plank tipped up and she got a fall.
She fell clear through and lit on Ned's red head;
The fall broke her neck and she was dead, dead, dead.

Ever since then women break their necks in two,
When their men stay out, to know what they do;
They, too, have lodges now, where they meet, talk and sing;
And they stay out late of nights, but don't tell a thing.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Full report of the proceedings of the acts of the Board of Directors, Modern Woodmen of America, at their regular session, which convened at the Head Office in Rock Island, Ill., Tuesday, January 12, and adjourned January 16. Present: Directors E. E. Murphy, chairman, presiding; Geo. W. Reilly, C. J. Byrns, R. R. Smith, C. G. Saunders.

Chairman Parrott, of the society's Board of Auditors, appeared before the Board of Directors and announced that the members of the Board of Auditors, i. e., Fred W. Parrott, M. R. Carrier, Edward B. Thomas, John D. Denison, L. W. Otto, were present at the Head Office building and had entered upon the work of examining the financial reports and transactions of the officers of this society for the period of July 1 to December 31, 1903, inclusive.

The Head Clerk submitted a statement showing aggregate amount to the credit of the benefit and general funds of this society December 31, 1903, on deposit in the several authorized depositories on said date under distribution made thereto by Head Banker A. N. Bort, and showing the amount in each, the total amounting to $1,200,159.55 in the benefit fund and $401,767.33 in the general fund—a total in both funds of $1,601,926.88.

General Attorney White introduced Judge Nicholson, of Council Grove, Kan., representing the claimant, Clara A. Varna, in claim on death of late Neighbor J. A. Varna, rejected at the August, 1903, session.

After hearing argument by Judge Nicholson, and reviewing new evidence submitted by him, consideration of the request that said claim be allowed was deferred for a time. Later General Attorney White appeared before the Board and submitted proposition by Judge Nicholson to settle claim for $1,500, and recommended that the proposition be accepted. On motion, settlement of the claim was recommended, and the Head Clerk directed to issue an order on the benefit fund of the society for $1,500 in full settlement of same.

Mr. B. O. Willard, attorney, Rushville, Ill., presented oral argument in the matter of claim on death of George Carroll, of Camp 788, Plymouth, Ill., for $3,000, payable to wife, Fannie Carroll. Request for reconsideration and allowance of the claim was, on motion, denied.

General Attorney Smith introduced Neighbor C. E. Ward, one of the managers of Camp 5391, Coon Valley, Wis. The General Attorney stated that Neighbor Ward, acting in behalf of the beneficiaries of late Neighbor Hans A. Granvold, submits proposition to settle claim on death of said Granvold for the sum of $500, and the General Attorney recommends the acceptance of this proposition. On motion, claim on death of said Neighbor Granvold was reconsidered and allowed in the sum of $500.

Head Clerk Hawes read a telegram from Holstein, Ia., announcing the death of E. H. McCutchen. The Head Consul and Head Clerk were directed to send to the family of deceased Neighbor a telegram expressing the sympathy of the society's Head Officers. The bank of E. H. McCutchen & Co. being one of the depositories for the society's funds, Directors E. E. Murphy and C. G. Saunders, Head Banker Bort and General Attorneys B. D. Smith and J. W. White were appointed a committee, with direction to proceed to Holstein to take any action that may be necessary for the protection of the society's interests.

Directors Byrns and Reilly and Head Clerk Hawes were appointed a committee to ascertain whether or not additional insurance on Head Office building and furniture is necessary, and to report to the Board during its next session.

Head Consul Talbot stated that many deputies in Kentucky, Colorado, and some other states had advised him that they were required to pay an occupation tax before being permitted to solicit members in cities in such states; the usual tax being $5. The matter had been referred to General Attorney White for opinion, and said General Attorney advises that in his judgment authorities in the cities of such states have the right to collect an occupation tax if city ordinances to that effect have been regularly passed. On motion, after full consideration of the matter, the Head Consul was authorized to advise deputies in cities where this occupation tax is levied to pay such tax when demanded, taking receipt therefor, with the assurance that when such receipt is presented to the Board of Directors the occupation tax will be refunded to the deputy. The amount of said tax not to exceed $5 in any case.

General Attorney White made verbal report in the claim filed by the beneficiaries of John C. Fell, of Camp 104, Cherry Valley, Ill., who disappeared about eight years ago and has not returned, and who held a certificate for $2,000, on which the assessments and dues were regularly paid for over seven years from the time Neighbor Fell disappeared, advising that the beneficiaries submit proposition to settle the claim for the sum of $500. The General Attorney recommends the acceptance of this proposition. After discussion and consideration, the claim was allowed in the sum of $500 and the Head Clerk was directed to issue an order on the benefit fund for that amount in full settlement.

In the matter of the claim on the death of late Neighbor Chas. F. Herr, of Camp 7634, Reading, Pa., General Attorney White made verbal report advising that a proposition had been received from claimant to compromise and settle this $2,000 claim for $1,000 and the General Attorney recommended the acceptance of the offer. The report of the General Attorney was accepted and the claim allowed in the sum of $1,000 and the Head Clerk directed to issue an order on the benefit fund for that amount in full settlement of the claim.

General Attorney White also made verbal report in claim on death of late Neighbor Ezra D. Bartholomew for $2,000, recommending allowance in full, on the ground that it would be extremely difficult to prove that intemperance was the cause of the Neighbor's death. The Head Clerk was directed to issue an order on the benefit fund, in amount $2,000, in full settlement of this claim.

The following listed mortuary claims, heretofore referred to the officer indicated, were verbally reported on. In each instance the report is made that a thorough investigation has been had, and the recommendation is made that each of said claims so referred and now reported upon be allowed and ordered paid. The recommendations so made were unanimously concurred in, and the Head Clerk was instructed to issue orders upon the benefit fund of the society in full payment of each and all of said claims in the regular course of business, viz.: (These names appeared in the lists of claims allowed published in the February Woodman.—Editor.)

Director Smith introduced the following resolutions, which, on his motion, are unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Board of Directors, Modern Woodmen of America, has investigated the following listed benefit claims, and has satisfied itself that said claims, and each and all of them, are legal liabilities against the society, and it appearing that the balance to the credit of the benefit fund on this date is $1,323,669.25, with $393,490.30 estimated to be due and receivable under call for assessment No. 12, series 1903, bearing date January 1, 1904, a total of $1,717,159.55 available to pay mortuary claims of this society and provide for contingent liabilities; and

Whereas, The claims approved, allowed and ordered paid at this meeting of the Board of Directors amount to $517,650, with claims heretofore allowed and remaining unpaid of $33,628.55, and contingent claims amounting to $268,000, a present aggregate liability of $819,278.55: Therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the Board of Directors that the levy of an assessment to pay said claims is unnecessary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Head Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to notify the clerk of every local camp to forward to this office the deposit to the benefit fund, being moneys paid under the levy of assessment No. 196 for January, 1904, with arrearages from members reinstated; and be it further

Resolved, That the Head Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to draw orders upon the benefit fund in payment of the following listed claims, hereby allowed, as rapidly as the condition of said fund will warrant, viz.: (The list of names was published in the February issue of the official paper in the "No Assessment" notice.—Editor.)

The following listed mortuary claims, proofs in which have been filed with the Head Clerk since the adjournment of the December, 1903, session and submitted to the Board during its present session, having been carefully examined and found to be defective in material points, suggesting further inquiry, are, on motion, referred to the officer indicated with the request that he investigate as to the liability of the society and report to a subsequent session of the Board of Directors, viz.:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
*2244	Oliver Suratt	Hersman, Ill.
†1296	William L. Paddock	Tekamah, Neb.
‡1753	Guy W. Crabb	Derby, Kan.
‡ 603	Theodore H. Miller	Newton, Kan.
*1043	Gilbert Guller	Smithboro, Ill.
§ 325	Wheeler Robbins	Dunlap, Ia.
*2116	John E. Moellman	Okawville, Ill.
†2325	Chas. H. Johnson	Alden, Minn.

*Referred to Director Reilly.
†Referred to General Attorney Smith.
‡Referred to Director Murphy.
§Referred to Director Saunders.

General Attorney Smith appeared before the Board of Directors and made verbal report in the matter of claim on death of W. T. Coolidge, of Camp 8631, at Windsor, Wis., advising that detectives in the employ of the society have discovered that Coolidge is alive and residing in one of the Dakotas. The General Attorney asks authority to continue the employ of the detectives until the society has opportunity to fully verify this report and is in position to have Coolidge taken into custody. The request of the General Attorney was granted.

General Attorney Smith made verbal report concerning suit which was brought by rival claimants under benefit certificate held by Geo. D. Maxfield, late Neighbor of Camp 2002, Kansas City, Mo., advising that the society had been ordered to pay $3,000, the amount of said benefit certificate, into court with interest on said amount from October 17, 1903. In the opinion of the General Attorney it is not just to require the order to pay any interest on the said $3,000 as the society has always admitted liability under the certificate, but permitted suit to be brought in order that the courts might determine who is the legal claimant. At the suggestion of Head Consul Talbot, the Head Clerk was directed to pay the $3,000 into the court at once and the papers in the case were referred to the Head Consul who will endeavor to have rescinded order of the court requiring the society to pay interest from October 17, 1903.

In the matter of claim on death of Robert H. Blose, of Camp 9262, Los Angeles, Cal., General Attorney White made verbal report recommending that proposition submitted by the complainant to compromise and settle the case for the sum of $1,750 be accepted. The report was accepted and the recommodations therein contained were concurred in and claim on death of said Robert H. Blose was reconsidered and allowed in the sum of $1,750, and the Head Clerk directed to issue an order on the benefit fund of the society for said amount in full settlement of said claim.

The Head Clerk submitted copy of "The Fraternal and Modern Banquet Orator," with quotations submitted by W. W. Dodge, Burlington, Ia. On motion, the Head Clerk is instructed to purchase a copy of the work at price $2.25 for the Head Office library.

Director Byrns introduced the following resolution, and, on his motion, the same was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Board of Directors has investigated the following listed claims, and having satisfied itself that said claims, and each and all of them, are lawful charges upon the general fund of the society:

Resolved, That same be, and they are hereby, allowed; that the Head Clerk be, and he is hereby, instructed to issue orders on the Head Banker, to be paid from the society's general fund, viz.:

Head Consul's Office—		
A. R. Talbot, salary	$416 66	
A. R. Talbot, traveling expense	80 20	
A. R. Talbot, office expense	12 25	
Employes' pay-roll	1,027 06	
E. R. Sizer, P. M.	121 70	
L. W. Pomerene Co.	3 90	
Samuel Hall	7 40	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	15 95	
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	32 53	
Smith Premier Type Writer Co.	80 25	
Rudge & Guenzel Co.	4 80	
Ross P. Curtice Co.	7 00	
The Legal News Printing Co.	3 25	
Pacific Express Co.	13 06	
Faulkner & Sharp	73 00	
George Bros.	144 20	
Lincoln Linen Supply Co.	2 00	
Tri-City Lithographing & Printing Co.	8 75	
Dwight Bros. Paper Co.	2 98	
	$2,056 94	
General Attorneys—		
J. W. White	$375 00	
Benj. D. Smith	375 00	
	$750 00	
Legal Expense—		
Western Union Telegraph Co.	$22 99	
L. L. Eckles	4 75	
H. L. Sheldon	35 42	
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	8 06	
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	3 10	
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	90	
E. R. Maloney	85 00	
Geo. H. Davis	100 00	
Insurance Department, Missouri	1 40	
Calvin Ham	39 20	
W. E. Thomas	2 50	
Harry G. Henley	6 30	
Thomas & Hays	32 62	
R. M. Tunnell	13 70	
Chas. G. Laybourn	7 60	
Benj. D. Smith	120 30	
U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.	10 00	
Earle & Creede	2 00	
M. A. Maloney	18 50	
	$514 34	
Head Banker's Office—		
A. N. Bort, salary	$300 00	
A. N. Bort, office expense	83 33	
A. N. Bort, traveling expense	10 68	
	$394 01	
Board of Directors—		
E. E. Murphy	$496 35	
Geo. W. Reilly	412 56	
R. R. Smith	490 35	
C. G. Saunders	474 44	
C. J. Byrns	455 84	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	4 21	
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	3 16	
E. R. Maloney	40 00	
	$2,376 91	
Postage—		
J. F. Munger	$30 60	
C. W. Hawes (special stamp fund)	302 95	
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	1,235 05	
	$1,568 60	
Salary Editor—		
F. O. VanGalder	$300 00	
General Expense—		
Employes' pay-roll	$328 95	
C. B. Keller	5 10	
Nebraska State Journal	5 00	
Star Publishing Co.	5 00	
American Press Clipping Bureau	4 00	
Consolidated Press Clipping Co.	5 00	
C. A. Atkinson	25 60	
D. C. Tillotson	5 00	
C. W. Hawes	17 60	
Central Union Telegraph Co.	7 15	
People's Power Co.	20 00	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	17 48	
Geo. T. Jacobs	8 02	
W. C. Knowles	23 95	
J. E. Ruble	18 00	
J. S. Boyer	21 50	
W. T. Goulder	35 00	
W. P. Easterday	47 46	
I. W. Hart	53 75	
C. H. Cook	17 15	
J. P. Kidder	5 75	
G. H. Cobb	19 40	
Ben F. Server	17 67	
Arthur Cranston	35 20	
Christ Pederson	65 42	
C. R. Moss	27 10	
Kerler Bros.	2 40	
W. A. Robb & Co.	21 64	
F. E. McCalip	15 85	
Edw. E. Schroer	10 00	
L. S. McCabe & Co.	8 59	
Channon Perry & Co.	63	
Chas. Fiebig	3 00	
Empire Coal & Coke Co.	120 00	
The Spectator Co.	4 00	
F. M. Burt	30 00	
Dr. J. W. Moffett	74 35	
J. Manz Engraving Co.	123 52	
Warnock & Ralston	4 25	
The Globe-Wernicke Co.	19 25	
G. F. Foster, Son & Co.	5 40	
Rock Island Seal & Stamp Works	2 00	
F. O. VanGalder	24 71	
E. J. Riordan	2 00	
Dr. J. R. Boyd	65 62	
Ihling Bros. & Everard	1 00	
Kramer & Co.	45 00	
J. W. Franks & Sons	259 76	
Pioneer Press Co.	26 67	
Egbert Fidlar & Chambers	478 34	
Schicks Express & Transfer Co.	3 25	
Whiting Paper Co.	305 73	
J. W. Butler Paper Co.	14 32	
Dwight Bros. Paper Co.	45 35	
E. J. Dockter	6 50	
Wm. T. Hull	95	
S. P. Stull	95	
G. W. Chavers	90	
C. W. Kincaid	1 40	
Amos P. Chavers	2 20	
Dr. F. M. Tracy	20 35	
D. C. Tillotson	58 25	
Thos. H. Duffy	79 60	
R. R. Georgia	44 70	
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	20 48	
C. E. Ward	20 00	
E. A. Barbour	43 00	
Tri-City Lithographing & Printing Co.	52 50	
R. M. Tunnell	79 32	
Herbert C. Saunders	46 89	
R. S. Hayward	22 80	
Wm. J. Schoewe	80	
C. R. Scribner	4 20	
Albert Schurr	29 40	
Matt Goslin	28 03	
James McNamara	44 17	
J. F. Munger	112 72	
Dr. W. C. Moss	5 00	
Geo. W. Reilly	132 46	
L. B. Smith	41 00	
S. I. Meseraull	41 00	
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	405 15	
Eliot Callender	27 50	
Adams Express Co.	262 19	
American Express Co.	164 51	
U. S. Express Co.	224 13	
J. F. Tenney Co.	1 24	
Oxide Vierr	23 70	
E. R. Maloney	118 56	
G. L. Reilly	41 12	
J. Earle Brown	50 79	
Wm. E. Brown	60 33	
Chas. Hatfield	2,000 00	
Geo. H. Davis	40	
Chas. G. Laybourn	90 00	
C. J. Byrns	49 00	
James G. Dickson (Wash.)	36 00	
	$7,052 07	
Head Camp—		
John H. Mitchell	$451 12	
J. W. Franks & Sons	16 50	
Robt. L. Morehead	44 25	
W. K. Jones	147 00	
M. W. Saxon	185 00	
	$843 87	
Head Clerk's Office—		
C. W. Hawes, salary	$375 00	
Mrs. S. O'Connor	4 20	
Jos. H. Moorehead	5 00	
The Smith Premier Typewriter Co.	2 35	
The Oliver Typewriter Agency	9 05	
Central Union Telephone Co.	30 50	
People's Power Co.	86 54	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	9 42	
Employes' pay-roll	7,795 40	
Christy Holdorf	10 00	
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	3 17	
The Novelty Pencil Co.	6 00	
J. F. Munger	40	
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	33 65	
	$8,370 68	
Litigation—		
Welty, Sterling & Welty	$50 00	
W. I. Slemmons	50 00	
Martin O'Brien	75 00	
Thomas & Hays	17 38	
R. M. Tunnell	20 00	
Chas. G. Laybourn	25 00	
Earle & Creede	150 00	
	$387 38	
Official Paper—		
Employes' pay-roll	$706 60	
Peoples Power Co.	36 50	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	40	
Rock Island Seal & Stamp Works	1 00	
F. O. VanGalder	38 05	
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	5 00	
State Journal Co.	4,824 38	
C. C. Hassler	25 00	
John T. Noftsker	1 59	
Barnes-Crosby Co.	20 20	
Bradner Smith & Co.	24 19	
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	49	
J. F. Munger	3 45	
Eugene Mattison	6 00	
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	25	
J. Manz Engraving Co.	16 15	
	$5,709 25	
Supreme Medical Directors—		
Dr. B. E. Jones, salary	$350 00	
Dr. B. E. Jones, traveling expense	90 00	
Dr. F. A. Smith, salary	350 00	
Dr. E. L. Kerns, salary	350 00	
Employes' pay-roll (printing)	16 80	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	6 50	
Dr. E. L. Kerns, traveling expense	25 10	
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	44 10	
Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict	4 00	
Employes' pay-roll	211 92	
	$1,448 42	
Expense Head Physicians—		
Employes' pay-roll	$29 15	
Dr. W. T. Grove	13 99	
Dr. Chas. F. Godell	1 60	
Dr. John W. Sifton	5 66	
Dr. C. T. Taylor	3 69	
Dr. W. A. Adair	3 14	
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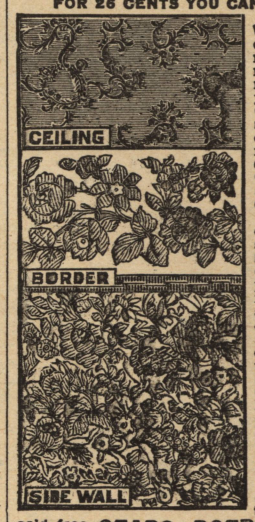

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Dr. J. H. Conway	76
Dr. C. T. Croddy	3 84
Dr. J. H. Judkins	3 48
Dr. J. W. Frizzell	4 68
Dr. Z. C. Wolfe	25 52
Dr. J. L. Houseworth	10 41
Dr. J. R. Boyd	23 37
Dr. J. W. Moffett	4 78
Dr. Chas. A. Armstrong	8 18
Dr. Don C. Hughes	9 01
Dr. Frank A. Greedy	6 40
Dr. Samuel F. Hassler	14 40
Dr. Edw. S. Blair	8 66
Dr. H. W. Subera	4 64
Dr. Thos. T. Mooney	10 04
Dr. Thos. Lowe	15 88
Dr. Edw. P. Pitman	2 37
Dr. F. W. Martin	16 54
Dr. W. A. Sprenger	2 26
Dr. J. W. Lauder	13 80
Dr. J. A. Rutledge	30 30
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	1 19
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	2 10
	$290 05
Furniture—	
Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict	$18 00
Rock Island Stair Works	98 75
Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co.	10 63
	$127 38
Supplies—	
Employes' pay-roll	$378 25
The Globe-Wernicke Co.	812 00
G. F. Foster, Son & Co.	74 85
Rock Island Seal & Stamp Works	12 75
The Whitehead & Hoag Co.	70 50
Phillip F. Jones	75
Barnes-Crosby Co.	5 94
F. Wesel Mfg. Co.	5 50
National Seal & Stamp Works	2 56
Keifer Minute Book Co.	7 50
Reid & Witter	11 75
O. W. Richardson & Co.	20 79
Hartz & Bahnsen Co.	7 50
John Gately Co.	242 05
Geo. E. Benz & Co.	50 40
Geo. E. Darling	1 07
Thornton Bros.	50 76
J. E. Burke & Co.	38 00
Faries Mfg. Co.	100 00
Ed De Moulin & Bro.	8 55
H. Rosenplatt & Sons	367 95
Henry Ottman	268 07
Tri-City Regalia Co.	589 55
Barnard & Leas	1 04
J. W. Stewart	6 00
Latham Machinery Co.	34 30
Champlin & Smith	44 19
Queen City Printing Ink Co.	4 35
Clemann & Salzmann	14 40
Moline Engraving Co.	1 17
J. W. Franks & Sons	216 50
St. Louis Paper Co.	91 60
J. W. Butler Paper Co.	136 54
Bradner Smith & Co.	47 08
Tri-City Lithographing & Printing Co.	15 00
Dwight Bros. Paper Co.	7 57
J. F. Munger	47 19
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	117 10
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	41 20
Adams Express Co.	173 45
American Express Co.	307 42
U. S. Express Co.	247 65
C. C. Hassler	30 00
Whiteside Sash & Door Works	252 50
	$4,963 29
Library Account—	
West Publishing Co.	$40 20
W. W. Dodge	2 75
Callaghan & Co.	228 75
	$271 70
Building Acccount—	
Chas. J. Larkin	$1,925 00
Occupation Rebate—	
C. U. Baker	$0 40
D. D. Burns	11 80
J. Heidrick	2 40
John Kinney	55
James Cart	2 50
Wm. G. Hannan	11 90
Frank H. Beckner	3 35
James W. Mock	80
Henry Schafer	6 50
W. Marsden	2 20
W. S. Stanley	40
P. P. Day	1 30
J. J. Rauch	1 40
A. Shultz	1 35
Andrew Ruchtie	2 30
Wm. J. Hinkle	1 35
Nick Hoffman	8 60
J. L. Drum	1 95
	$61 05
Revision Record—	
Employes' pay-roll	$2,647 45
Kerker Paper Box Co.	20 80
	$2,668 25
Board of Auditors—	
F. W. Parrott	$344 10
Edw. B. Thomas	341 55
John D. Denison, Jr.	307 00
M. R. Carrier	337 75
L. W. Otto	329 50
	$1,659 90
Camp Bond Account—	
National Surety Co.	$15,771 00
Field Work—	
Employes' pay-roll	$303 30
Deputies, lecturers and expense	18,542 84
Western Union Telegraph Co.	3 53
The Whitehead & Hoag Co.	135 30
National Stamping & Electric Works	50 00
Moline Engraving Co.	3 71
The Criterion	100 00
J. W. Franks & Sons	100 92
Moser Paper Co.	176 55
Tri-City Printing Co.	28 70
Dwight Bros. Paper Co.	86 57
Graham Paper Co.	2,149 79
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	2 02
T. H. Thomas, P. M.	195 50
Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers	15 50
Adams Express Co.	72 34
American Express Co.	118 86
U. S. Express Co.	110 81
Whiteside Sash & Door Works	100 00
	$23,297 24
Total	$82,807 33

The Board of Auditors submitted a report, which, being considered, was received and directed to be recorded in connection with the proceedings of the Board of Directors.

We, the undersigned, the Board of Auditors of the Modern Woodmen of America, having audited according to the laws of the order, the books, bills, and vouchers of the Head Clerk and Head Banker, showing receipts and expenditures of the society for the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31, 1903, inclusive, submit the following report:

Benefit Fund.—At the close of business June 30, 1903, there was in the benefit fund the sum of $990,286.60. During the period covered by this report there has been received to the credit of said fund in all the sum of $3,117,384.95, making a total of $4,107,671.55. During said period benefit orders have been drawn on said fund payable to the beneficiaries of deceased Neighbors, in the total sum of $2,907,512, leaving a balance on hand at the close of business December 31, 1903, in the sum of $1,200,159.55. The following is a more detailed statement of the condition of said fund, showing the balance in the hands of the Head Banker at the close of said period:

Head Clerk's balance, June 30, 1903		$990,286 60
Received assessments July 1 to December 31, 1903, inclusive		3,117,384 95
		$4,107,671 55
Disbursements—To beneficiaries of deceased Neighbors		2,907,512 00
Head Clerk's balance Dec. 31, 1903		$1,200,159 55
Then follows a list of 99 orders issued but not yet presented to Head Banker for payment aggregating		$129,350 00
Total		$1,329,509 55
Remittances in transit and not received by Head Banker—Dec. 31, remittance		29,985 05
Balance in hands of Head Banker, A. N. Bort, Dec. 31, 1903		$1,299,524 50

Note.—Refunds, account benefit fund expenditures, have been received and covered into benefit fund, and have been deducted from disbursements, amounting to $6,000.

General Fund.—At the close of business June 30, 1903, there was in the general fund the sum of $490,863.53. During the period July 1 to December 31, 1903, inclusive, there has been received to the credit of said fund from all sources the sum of $396,637.72, making a total of $887,501.25. During said period general orders have been drawn upon said fund in the total sum of $485,733.92, leaving balance in said fund at the close of business December 31, 1903, $401,767.33.

The following is a more detailed statement of the condition of said fund, showing the balance in the hands of the Head Banker at the close of said period:

Head Clerk's balance, June 30, 1903		$490,863 53
Received July 1 to Dec. 31, 1903, inclusive:		
Per capita	$344,216 00	
Supplies	28,240 75	
Certificate fees	5,783 75	
Interest	13,042 70	
Rent	450 00	
Advertising	3,033 16	
Sale of building, new lot purchase	536 00	
Dividend Bank of Commerce, D. C. Zink claim	1,335 36	
		396,637 72
Total		$887,501 25
Disbursements, account general fund:		
Building account	$6,827 15	
Salary Head Clerk	2,250 00	
Clerk hire	44,794 53	
Expense Head Clerk's office	1,749 24	
Postage account	8,124 43	
Salary Head Banker	1,850 00	
Expense Head Banker's office	786 32	
Salary Head Consul	2,532 04	
Expense Head Consul's office	10,373 72	
Board of Directors	13,703 22	
Litigation	4,311 40	
General expense	29,174 89	
Official paper	40,206 55	
Supplies purchased	23,407 85	
Furniture	9,143 21	
Board of Auditors	3,336 87	
Expense Head Physicians	2,017 60	
Expense field work	110,067 20	
Salary General Attorneys	4,450 00	
Legal expense	4,300 43	
Salary Editor	1,750 00	
Mileage, per diem and expense state camps	651 50	
Occupation rebate	338 10	
Library	901 10	
Expense Head Camp	80,555 60	
National Fraternal Congress	1,073 78	
Readjustment	3,986 06	
Flood relief	50,000 00	
Supreme Medical Directors	5,823 26	
Revision record	15,313 93	
Salary Past Head Consul.	1,000 00	
Expense Past Head Consul	557 54	
Real estate (pavement)	376 50	
		485,733 92
Head Clerk's balance, Dec. 31, 1903.		$401,767 33
Added to this is a list of 182 orders issued but not yet presented to Head Banker, aggregating		7,496 05
Total		$409,263 38
Deduct remittances in transit and not reported received by Head Banker: Dec. 31, remittance		1,467 79
Balance in hands of Head Banker A. N. Bort, Dec. 31, 1903		$407,795 59

Note.—Refunds account general fund expenditures, have been received and covered into the general fund, and deducted from disbursements, amounting to $1,770.40.

The Board has checked every receipt from all sources, and finds that the Head Clerk has charged himself with the exact amount of the same in each instance, and by a comparison of the books of the Head Clerk and Head Banker we find that the total amount of all receipts has been in due order transmitted by the Head Clerk to the Head Banker.

The Board has also checked each item of expeniture, as shown by bills and vouchers on file in the Head Clerk's office, and finds that each and every disbursement has been made upon the proper approval and order of the Board of Directors.

Sworn statements of the officers of the depositories of the Head Banker have been submitted to us, showing the exact balances in the respective funds in the hands of the Head Banker at the close of business December 31, 1903, as charged to him on the books of the Head Clerk.

The Head Clerk read communication from J. W. Simmons, Portland, Ore., advising that a movement has been started among fraternal societies of said state, to build a Fraternal Temple at Lewis & Clark exposition, to be held at Portland in 1905, asking what assistance, if any, our society would be able to render. On motion, the Head Clerk is directed to advise Neighbor Simmons that no assistance can be extended by this society, and to place the correspondence on file.

Director Murphy called the attention of the Board of Directors to the fact that for two years past the official obligations devolving upon Head Clerk Hawes had been most exacting, requiring his uninterrupted presence at the Head Office; that for the past few days illness had confined him to his home, and was of a character suggesting rest. He would, therefore, suggest and entertain a motion to extend to the Head Clerk a vacation and relief from his official duties for a period of sixty days, in order to give him opportunity to recuperate from the work and worry incident to the installment of the card system of accounting in the Head Office and the supplying of information to all camps and members of the change in rates.

At the conclusion of the remarks of Director Murphy, on motion of Director Byrns, Head Clerk Hawes was unanimously voted a vacation for a period of sixty days.

On motion by Director Byrns, it was declared to be the sense of the Board of Directors that patronage be extended to various independent Woodman journals, as follows:

The Fraternal Monitor, Rochester, N. Y., one full page advertisement at the rate of $32.50 per month.

The Royal Woodman, Omaha, Neb., $200 per year, payable quarterly.

The Missouri Woodman, Nevada, Mo., $100 per year, payable quarterly.

Modern Woodcraft, Mexico, Mo., $100 per year, payable quarterly.

The Silver Leaf, Elgin, Ill., $100 per year, payable quarterly.

Western States and Minnesota Woodman, St. Paul, Minn., $100 per year, payable quarterly.

Western Economist, Des Moines, Ia., $100 per year, payable quarterly.

Head Clerk Hawes submitted the following report, which was received and directed to be recorded in connection with the minutes of this session:

For the month ending January 12, 1904, I have, by authority of section 125 of the 1903 by-laws, commissioned special auditors as per following statement:

Camp No.	Name and Location.	Expense.
11078	Albert Schurr, Newark, N. J.	$24 75
2234	J. P. Kidder, Carrington, N. D.	5 75
6967	A. Cranston, Tulsa, Ind. Ter.	35 20
9430	B. F. Server, Earl Park, Ind.	17 67
7718	M. Goslin, Ringsted, Ia.	28 03
3760	R. F. Waters, Hickory Ridge, Ill.	....
8933	C. H. Cook, Simpson, Kan.	17 15
10882	G. C. Fullinweider, Virgil, S. D.	.....
11173	C. Peterson, Sentinel Butte, N. D. (Referred)	.....
8943	G. H. Cobb, Topaz, Mo.	19 40
5921	W. C. Knowles, Blacksville, W. Va.	23 95
11286	W. P. Easterday, Gauley Bridge, W. Va.	47 46
7020	G. T. Jacobs, Vandergrift, Pa.	8 02
9611	C. R. Moss, Matlock, Wash.	27 10
8375	J. S. Boyer, Olex, Ore.	21 50
9852	W. T. Goulder, Montague, Cal.	35 00
10305	I. W. Hart, Cestos, Okla.	53 75
11099	J. E. Ruble, Galva, Okla.	18 00

The first five were commissioned to investigate the affairs and audit the accounts of clerk and banker on account of differences existing between this office and the local camp. The reports of the auditors named are satisfactory and all differences harmonized. The others were commissioned to visit the camps opposite their names, to investigate the cause of suspension and the prospects of securing reinstatement and saving, not only the members, but the camps to the society. Camps 10882, Virgil, S. D.; 9852, Montague, Cal.; 5921, Blacksville, W. Va.; 11099, Galva, Okla.; 8933, Simpson, Kan.; 11286, Gauley Bridge, W. Va., remain in permanent suspension, the reports from the auditors being that the membership do not desire reinstatement. Camp 9611, Matlock, Wash., will reinstate at once. Neighbor G. T. Jacobs recommends the institution of a new camp at Vandergrift, Pa., instead of attempting to reorganize Camp 7020 at that place. Camp 8375, Olex, Ore., remitted assessments 9, 10 and 11, and secured reinstatement before the auditor was able to visit them. Camp 11173, Sentinel Butte, N. D., will, in all probability, surrender their charter and solicit the aid of a deputy for the purpose of organizing a new camp.

On motion, at 6 o'clock p. m., the Board of Directors, Modern Woodmen of America, adjourned to convene at the Head Office building, Rock Island, Ill., Tuesday, February 2, 1904, at 9 o'clock a. m.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The following is a synoposis of the official proceedings of the Executive Council of the Modern Woodmen of America at the January 1904, session, convened in response to call by Head Consul Talbot, in the council chamber, Head Office building, Rock Island, Ill., Thursday, January 14, 1904, and adjourning January 16. There were present: Head Consul A. R. Talbot, chairman, presiding, Head Clerk C. W. Hawes; Directors E. E. Murphy, Geo. W. Reilly, C. G. Saunders, R. R. Smith, C. J. Byrns.

The Head Clerk submitted evidence as to the respective occupations following listed Neighbors for the purpose of having an official ruling rendered by the Executive Council as to their status in the society, with respect to their past and present occupations, and the possible forfeiture of benefit certificates issued to said respective Neighbors, on account of being directly or indirectly identified with the liquor traffic, in violation of the by-laws of this society. Being considered, on motion, said evidence and all of the correspondence had regarding the same is referred to Director Saunders with the request that he make any further investigation necessary and write the decision of the Executive Council relative to the liability of the society under the benefit certificates held by said respective Neighbors:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
5121	H. C. Meyer	Crown Point, Ind.
8771	H. E. Hanway	Hudson, N. Y.
8424	W. D. Close	Kildare, Okla.
1296	J. W. Stewart	Tekamah, Neb.
1813	H. Klingman	Eustis, Neb.
1413	O. G. Wang	Deerfield, Wis.
482	H. L. Leonard	Richland Center, Wis.
6092-2758	Z. A. Frisbie	Jefferson, S. D.
3698	J. C. Showalter	Kellogg, Minn.
1505-5751	W. E. Brown	Madison, Ind.
4774	W. Manlove	Bainbridge, O.
2400-6092-184	J. P. Fitzgerald	Sioux City, Ia.
272-4432	O. Fuller	Lucas, Ia.
2372	W. F. Krause	Little Falls, Minn.
7452-1378	J. M. Bellinger	Medford, Wis.
5767	I. Anderson	Madison, Minn.
4159-2372	F. D. LeBlanc	Little Falls, Minn.
2767-361	F. F. Gerbig	Stacyville, Ia.
1116	C. A. Ruby	Plainville, Ill.
3430	J. A. Siefert	Graceville, Minn.
6729	H. C. Bay	Toledo, O.
6729	W. A. Westfall	Toledo, O.
1893	R. M. Nash	St. Joseph, Mo.
10648	Edward Daly	New Milford, Conn.
3613	C. Boemle	Evansville, Ind.
2460	John T. Bennallick	Lake Linden, Mich.

In addition to the foregoing occupation cases, the Head Clerk presented for official ruling as to their status in the society evidence as to occupation from the following listed Neighbors. The question to be decided in each case is, whether the Neighbor filing said evidence is or has been engaged in an occupation classed as hazardous by the by-laws of this society contrary to the provisions thereof, and, if so, what the effect is upon certificate issued to the Neighbor who is held to be so engaged. On motion, said evidence and all correspondence relative thereto is referred to Director Saunders with the request that he investigate and submit report to the Council as to the status in the society of said Neighbors on account of the occupations engaged in by them, as shown by the proofs submitted:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
1	John Brandenburg	Lyons, Ia.
110	A. W. Braisford	Bloomington, Ill.
3490	D. F. Romig	Millbrook, Ill.
123-509	T. A. Campbell	Flora, Ill.
10748	K. W. Boberg	White Rock, Utah
7837	H. E. Abell	Stevenson, Minn.
8014	A. G. Rooney	Swanton, Vt.

The Head Clerk also submitted communications, statements or amended applications filed by the following listed Neighbors with request that same be examined and compared with their original applications, and in correction thereof, with the view of confirming validity of benefit certificates held by each. On motion, said amended applications, and all correspondence had regarding same are referred to Director Reilly with the request that he make any further investigation necessary and submit report to the Council as to the status in the society of said Neighbors, so far as affected by misstatements or misrepresentations contained in their original applications:

Camp.	Name:	Location.
3831	A. Friend	Dentonville, Kan.
8714	A. A. Benedict	Olney, Colo.
5803-5273	F. Gebert	St. Marys, W. Va.
9078	G. F. Goers	Syracuse, N. Y.
6422	J. J. Hiland	Walkerville, Mont.
4084	J. W. Myers	Biddick, Ia.
108	E. J. Wilson	Des Moines, Ia.
5333	J. H. Fowler	Arizona, Neb.
2969	B. C. Hitchcock	Powhattan, Kan.
5238	C. B. Hayner	Fowlerville, Mich.
5706	C. R. Owens	Muir, Mich.
8995	W. H. Carpenter	Colona, Wis.
7935	A. S. Bronson	Calumet, Okla.
11428	J. W. Garrison	Dunnville, Ky.
11319	Edw. Erlandson	Carpenterville, Ill.

The Head Clerk submitted the following appeals and communications for consideration, and all of the several matters having been discussed and further investigation being in some instances deemed advisable, on motion, reference is made to the officer indicated with the request that necessary investigation be made and report thereon at a subsequent session of the Executive Council; matters submitted and decided upon are referred to the officer named with the request that he write the report of the Council and submit same for its approval during the present session of said body:

Appeal by Neighbor P. E. Milbourn, clerk Camp 4190, Wathena, Kan., from decision of "not guilty" rendered by said camp in trial of Neighbor G. H. Trotter on charge of intemperance. Referred to Director Saunders.

Complaint by Neighbor J. P. Dickson, clerk Camp 6031, Franklin, Ia., against Neighbor W. B. Knabe of said camp for alleged offenses in letter dated December 24, 1903, and request that the Executive Council conduct trial of the case as Camp 6031 is unable to do so on account of its scattered membership. Referred to Director Smith.

Correspondence showing that J. I. McAninch, of Camp 9675, Iconium, Ia., who was irregularly examined, has failed to supply new examination, although requested a number of times to do so, and Head Clerk has refused assessments. What disposition shall be made of the case? Referred to Director Saunders.

Communication from C. M. Berry, Camp 10758, Bird Point, Mo., advising that he joined the society May 27, 1902, and on October 7, 1903, took the Keeley cure for the liquor habit. He desires to know whether this fact affects the validity of his benefit certificate. Referred to Director Murphy.

Correspondence alleging intemperance on the part of Neighbors Chas. E. Wharton and A. E. Roberts, Camp 5476, Alexandria, Ind., and affidavits by said Neighbors denying the charge. Referred to Director Murphy.

Appeal by social Neighbor W. M. Caton, from the action of Camp 5841, Welda, Kan., in expelling him from the society by camp trial heretofore had, at the September, 1903, session, referred to Director Reilly, was, on motion, transferred to Director Murphy.

Supplementary report by Supreme Medical Director F. A. Smith concerning the case of H. G. Burkhardt, Camp 197, Irvington, N. J., on motion was referred to Director Reilly.

Communication from F. Greenwald, president Carqueville Lithograph Co., Chicago, proposing scheme to offer photographs of the World's Fair Temple of Fraternity as prizes for securing members, is, on motion, placed on file.

Request from H. W. Sykes, Mason City, Ia., for permission to use seal of the society as a trademark was, on motion, denied.

Communication from Neighbor D. P. Isaacs, clerk Camp 570, Mechanicsburg, Ill., in which he appeals from the action of the Head Clerk in rerating him under the new table of rates at age 39, and insists that he be rerated at original entry age 31. The Head Clerk's records show that Neighbor Isaacs joined the society May 5, 1888, at age 31, that he was suspended September 2, 1889, and rejoined February 3, 1896, at age 39. After discussion of the matter it was decided that if a Neighbor has been in suspension for such a length of time as to require a new benefit certificate in order to reaffiliate with the society, his rerating under the new table of rates shall be as of the date of his reinstatement under the certificate he holds, and the papers in this case were referred to General Attorney White with direction to write a report covering the question.

Communication from Director Smith reporting resignation of Dr. N. P. Thompson, and appointing Dr. W. T. Eckles, 634 Century Building, to fill vacancy on board of medical examiners for the city of St. Louis. On motion, the resignation of Dr. Thompson was accepted and Director Smith's action in appointing Dr. Eckles is approved, and the Head Clerk was directed to mail commission to Dr. Eckles.

Head Consul Talbot proposed Dr. E. A. Barrows, Hartford, Vt., for appointment as Head Physician for said state for the unexpired term of Dr. J. D. Judkins, Northfield, Vt., whose resignation was filed at the December, 1903, session. On motion, Dr. Barrows was appointed Head Physician for Vermont for the term ending July 21, 1905, and the Head Clerk is directed to issue commission to him and to advise the field workers and clerks of local camps of said state of the appointment, and to instruct Dr. Judkins to forward at once by express all records and rejected applications in his possession to Head Physician Barrows.

Head Consul Talbot presented resignation of Dr. P. M. Campbell as member of board of medical examiners for the city of Detroit and, on motion, said resignation was accepted and placed on file. On motion, Dr. J. E. Kilbourne, 218 Dubois street, Detroit, is appointed member of board of medical examiners for said city, and the Head Clerk was directed to mail commission.

On motion, Physicians Walter M. Freeman,

2126 North Ninth street, and Louis H. Jacobs, 135 West Susquehanna avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., are appointed members of medical board of said city, and the Head Clerk was directed to mail commission to each.

On motion, Dr. Richard J. Behan, 625 Homewood avenue, Pittsburg, is appointed member board of medical examiners of said city, and the Head Clerk was directed to mail commission.

Head Consul Talbot submitted communication from John Beggin, Lake Park, Minn., petitioning the Executive Council to reopen the case of Conrad Glaum, Audubon, Minn., who was expelled by the Executive Council during its November, 1903, session. Referred to Director Reilly.

The Head Consul submitted also communication from Neighbor John H. Chesack, clerk Camp 2126, Athens, Minn., relative to members of said camp who are stockholders in the Central Park association operating a saloon in connection with an opera house. Referred to Director Saunders.

The matter of admitting the city of New York to the society's jurisdiction as working territory was submitted by the Head Consul, who reported having made an investigation of conditions in said city, by correspondence, and recommended that all that district south of a line beginning at Fourteenth street and North River, thence east in the center of Fourteenth street to the center of Third avenue, thence south in the center of Third avenue to Fifth street, thence east in the center of Fifth street to First avenue, thence south in the center of First avenue to Houston street, thence east in the center of Houston street to East River, be excluded, and that with the exception of said district the city of New York be admitted under special rules and regulations adopted for the government of the work in Chicago, except that there shall be no city supervising deputy and no board of medical examiners. Medical examiners shall be appointed by the Executive Council as required and the organization of the field workers in said city shall be left in the hands of the Head Consul. On motion, the recommendations of the Head Consul are concurred in and New York City, with the exception of district above described, was admitted as working territory under special rules and regulations adopted at July, 1903, session for the government of work in Chicago amended as suggested by the Head Consul.

Supreme Medical Director Jones submitted the following report:

Pursuant to your instructions at the November, 1903, session of your body, I visited Vanceburg, Ky., during the last week of December, 1903, for the purpose of investigating alleged fraudulent conduct on the part of one C. P. Spaulding, who as deputy head consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, instituted Camp 11308 in August, 1903. Upon investigation, I found that he had procured the application of one Benjamin F. Dyer and told him that he could become either a social or beneficial member for $5.50; that Deputy Spaulding was authorized to make any medical examination necessary; that he took Dyer's measurements and pulse, which was all the examination applicant received; that he took Mr. Dyer's application with the third page, which is the local medical examiner's special report, remaining blank, to Dr. F. J. Owry, and stated that Mr. Dyer wished to go in as a social member and that no medical examination was necessary, and induced him to sign his name to the blank camp physician's special report of the application for beneficial membership and, without the examiner's knowledge or consent, the deputy filled in the answers to all questions in the local examiner's report, thereby making it appear that Dr. Owry had examined Dyer as to physical fitness for beneficial membership; that the Head Clerk, on receipt of application, issued benefit certificate No. 998,241. (In proof of this see affidavit of Benjamin F. Dyer and Dr. F. J. Owry.) Mr. Dyer thereupon produced his benefit certificate, which I brought back with me to Rock Island, and turned over to the Head Clerk of this society.

I further found that Deputy Spaulding had solicited and procured the application of one Lawrence Rolfe, who at the time informed Deputy Spaulding that he was 45 years of age on March 9, 1903; that the deputy told him that he was eligible so long as he was nearer 45 than 46 years of age; that, after he procured Rolfe's application, he changed the date of birth on it so that applicant was made to appear as 44 years of age, instead of 45; that a benefit certificate was issued to Rolfe by the Head Clerk, which was afterwards canceled by the Executive Council when it was learned that he was past 45 years of age. (See affidavit of Lawrence Rolfe and J. S. Kline, attached.)

I further found that C. P. Spaulding procured the application of H. C. Pollitt and stated that if applicant became a charter member, the cost would be but $5, but after a camp was instituted, it would cost him $15. (See affidavit of H. C. Pollitt, attached.)

The affidavits of E. H. Staley and J. S. Kline, hereto attached, show that Deputy Spaulding stated to them that the M. W. of A. paid $3 a week sick benefits.

In addition to the above fraudulent conduct on the part of C. P. Spaulding, I hereto attach letter from Dr. J. G. Murphy to Prof. Lawrence Rolfe, stating that Spaulding induced him to become a member of our society, stating that he would not be required to pay the membership fee of $5 because he would be appointed a medical examiner for the camp, and for that reason he never did pay any membership fee.

Relative to the cases of John Louis Thomas, Matt Thomas, and David Thomas, who averred that the deputy had written in their respective applications causes of death in their family histories, other than that given by them, I ascertained from Dr. Owry, who examined them, that such statements are untrue and that cause of death, which appeared in copies attached to their benefit certificates, was the same given by them at the time of their medical examination. Moreover, I was informed by members of the camp at Vanceburg that the Thomas boys were brothers; that their habits, in respect to the use of intoxicants, unfitted them for beneficial membership in this socitey; that their statements as to the fraudulent entries of cause of death in their respective family histories were for the purpose of having their benefit certificates canceled by this society, and thereby receive a return of the membership fees and dues paid by them to the general fund of the camp, for the reason that members of the camp were likely to take action against them, looking to expulsion, for intemperance and other vices, in which case no moneys paid out by them would be returned. I therefore took no action, looking to further corrections or alleged mistakes in their respective applications, and on surrender of their respective benefit certificates to me, which on my return home I turned over to the Head Clerk, I refunded each one the assessments, membership fees, and dues paid. The two latter amounts I received from the general fund of the camp. From each one of the Thomas brothers I received a receipt of moneys paid, which are hereto attached.

As Benjamin F. Dyer's benefit certificate had been issued on a fraudulent examination, thus invalidating his insurance, I had him examined by the camp physician, Dr. F. J. Owry, which medical examination has been approved by the Board of Supreme Medical Directors. I therefore recommend that his former benefit certificate, No. 998241, be declared void and that the Head Clerk of this society be authorized to issue to him a new one, based on his medical examination, properly made, in lieu of the old one.

The magnitude of the misrepresentation and fraud committed by C. P. Spaulding, who instituted the camp at Vanceburg, Ky., in my opinion, should not only cause a revocation of his commission as a deputy head consul of this society, but should cause his expulsion from beneficial and social membership as well, the same being in conflict with the spirit and letter of our by-laws and the perpetuity of the Modern Woodmen of America as a fraternal and beneficial order. I therefore recommend the Executive Council to take such steps as may be necessary for his expulsion from our society. Respectfully submitted,

B. E. JONES,
Supreme Medical Director.

On motion, the foregoing report is accepted and the recommendations therein contained are concurred in; benefit certificate heretofore issued to Benjamin F. Dyer is declared to be absolutely null and void and the Head Clerk is directed to issue a new certificate upon new application secured by Dr. Jones, and it is declared to be the sense of the Executive Council that Spaulding be duly tried and expelled from the society. Thereupon Head Consul Talbot appointed Directors Saunders, Smith and Reilly an inquiry committee, with direction to present to the Executive Council, in writing, specific charges against said C. P. Spaulding.

Director Smith, to whom the case had been referred, made verbal report in the case of Neighbor F. G. Snyder, of Camp 3148, Weatherby, Mo., to the effect that said Neighbor is now in suspension for non-payment, recommending that no action be taken in the case at present but that the Head Clerk have notation made on the records of his office so that in event Neighbor Snyder attempts to reinstate the case may again be brought to the attention of the Executive Council. On motion, the report of Director Smith is accepted and the recommendations therein made are concurred in; the Head Clerk was directed to make proper notation on his records and to file the papers with Neighbor Snyder's application.

The Board of Supreme Medical Directors, having been granted an audience, appeared before the Executive Council and made answer to criticisms and complaints which have been filed against said Board. After hearing detailed explanation by the Supreme Medical Directors and reviewing correspondence on file in such cases as have been brought to the especial attention of the Executive Council, it is found that complaints and criticisms filed are unjust and uncalled for and, on motion, the action of said Supreme Medical Directors in such cases was approved.

Director Reilly, to whom the cases had been previously referred, made verbal report in the matter of the status in the society of the following listed Neighbors:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
6422	J. J. Hiland	Walkerville, Mont.
8714	A. A. Benedict	Olney, Colo.
5706	C. R. Owens	Muir, Mich.
5333	James H. Fowler	Arizona, Neb.
4084	J. W. Myers	Biddick, Ia.
8995	W. H. Carpenter	Colona, Wis.
9078	Geo. F. Goers	Syracuse, N. Y.

recommending that benefit certificates held by said Neighbors, as above listed, be declared to be valid, so far as affected by misstatements or misrepresentations contained in their original applications for membership, as disclosed by the proofs submitted. On motion, report of Director Reilly is accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made were concurred in. The Head Clerk was requested to notify the respective Neighbors, and also the clerks of the camps in which said Neighbors hold membership, of this decision.

In the matter of the status in the society of the following listed parties, viz.:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
3831	A. Friend	Dentonville, Kan.
108	E. J. Wilson	Des Moines, Ia.
5273	F. Gebert	St. Marys, W. Va.
5238	C. B. Hayner	Fowlerville, Mich.
2969	B. C. Hitchcock	Powhattan, Kan.
7935	A. S. Bronson	Calumet, Okla.

Director Reilly, to whom the cases had been referred, made verbal report, recommending that benefit certificates issued to the aforesaid parties, as above listed, be declared to be, and at all times to have been, absolutely null and void, on account of misstatements or misrepresentations contained in their original applications for membership, as disclosed by the proofs submitted. On motion, the report of Director Reilly was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made were concurred in. The Head Clerk was requested to advise said persons, and the clerks of the respective camps, of this action.

Director Saunders, to whom the cases had been referred, made verbal report in the matter of the status in the society of the following listed Neighbors:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
3226	W. J. Staple	Crystal Falls, Mich.
110	A. W. Bralsford	Bloomington, Ill.
10748	K. W. Boberg	White Rocks, Utah

recommending that benefit certificates held by said Neighbors, as above listed, be declared to be valid, so far as affected by their past and present occupations, as disclosed by the proofs submitted. On motion, the report of Director Saunders was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made were concurred in. The Head Clerk was requested to notify the respective Neighbors, and also the clerks of the camps in which said Neighbors hold membership, of this decision.

Director Saunders, to whom the cases had been previously referred, made verbal report in the matter of the status in the society of the following listed Neighbors:

Camp.	Name.	Location.
3490	D. F. Romig	Millbrook, Ill.
1	John Brandenburg	Lyons, Ia.
8014	A. G. Rooney	Swanton, Vt.
7837	H. E. Abell	Stevenson, Minn.

recommending that benefit certificates held by said Neighbors, as above listed, be declared to be valid, so far as affected by said Neighbor's past and present occupations, as disclosed by the proofs submitted, notwithstanding the fact that said Neighbors engaged in prohibited occupations, subject, however, to the provisions of section 15, by-laws 1899. On motion the report of Director Saunders was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made were concurred in. The Head Clerk was requested to mail to the respective Neighbors, and also to the clerk of the camp to which each belongs, notice of this decision.

Director Saunders submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made were concurred in:

In the appeal of Robert T. McCoy from the action of New Castle Camp 5269, in declaring A. L. Thayer elected clerk of said camp, I beg leave to submit the following report:

I made a trip to New Castle, Pa., and a personal inquiry into this matter, and obtained an agreed statement of facts to be submitted to this Council signed by all of the interested parties.

It appears from the evidence that New Castle Camp 5269 met in regular session on December 7, 1903, and proceeded to the election of officers. Robert T. McCoy and A. L. Thayer were the only persons placed in nomination for the office of clerk. It further appears from the evidence that seventy ballots were cast, that thirty-five of those ballots bore the name of A. L. Thayer, thirty-four the name of Robert T. McCoy and one the name of C. E. Herbold. It also appears that, during the count of the ballots, when the tellers found the one that bore the name of C. E. Herbold some one inquired "What shall we do with the Herbold ballot?" and some Neighbor said "Throw it out." The Herbold ballot was accordingly discarded and the count proceeded, and no objection was made by anyone, though both Thayer and McCoy were present. The canvass of the vote showing 35 votes for Thayer and 34 for McCoy was completed and the tally-sheet, made by the tellers, was handed to one of the officers of the camp who read the same. The venerable consul thereupon declared that A. L. Thayer was elected clerk for the ensuing term. To none of these proceedings was objection made at any time during the meeting by any Neighbor.

The fundamental laws of the society provide that the elections in the local camps shall be by ballot, and, while it is nowhere provided that the person elected shall have a majority of all the votes cast, yet parliamentary usage requires that one in order to be elected by ballot must have a majority of the ballots cast at the election.

It appears that there were 70 ballots cast in New Castle Camp and that of these A. L. Thayer only received 35, which was not a majority, and I should have no hesitancy whatever in holding that Neighbor Thayer was not legally elected were it not for the proceedings had in reference to the canvass of the ballot.

As stated above, when the Herbold ballot was found some one inquired "What shall we do with the Herbold ballot?" and some Neighbor said "Throw it out," and the ballot was accordingly discarded. As no objection was made by any Neighbor present, the ballot was rejected and the election declared in favor of Neighbor Thayer.

This at once suggests the question as to whether Neighbor McCoy did not waive his rights by failing to raise any objection to the action of the tellers and camp in discarding the Herbold ballot and to the declaration of the venerable consul declaring the result of the election, * * * and it is my opinion that a result, to which not a solitary objection was raised on the night of December 7, when seventy members of the camp were present, should remain undisturbed, provided always that justice is done. * * * It appears from the evidence that by common consent the Herbold ballot was rejected and that no objection was raised either by McCoy or any other person. After the canvass was completed the vote was announced and Thayer declared elected. To all of this no one made objection at the time, and I think that the objection should not be permitted to be raised at this time, under these circumstances. For the reasons above given, I recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Director Saunders submitted the following report:

The following cases having been assigned to me by the Executive Council for investigation and report as to the facts in each, and for recommendation as to the effect, if any, of the respective past and present occupations of each of the persons hereinafter named, upon their status in this society, and upon their respective benefit certificates, I respectfully report that I have carefully examined the evidence submitted in each of said cases and from such evidence the following facts are found to be true, viz.:

That the name of each of such persons, the number of the camp adopting each, the connection of each with the manufacture or sale of malt, spirituous or vinous liquors as a beverage, designated as "occupation," and the date when each entered such occupation is as follows, to-wit:

Name.	Camp No.	Occupation.	Date of Entering Occupation.
Z. A. Frisbie	6092-2758	Saloon-keeper	May 1, 1903.
Jno. C. Showalter	3698	Saloon-keeper	About July 1, 1903.
J. P. Fitzgerald	2400-6092-184	Saloon-keeper	Sept. 1, 1902.
H. C. Meyer	5121	Agent for brewery	Sept. 8, 1903.
O. G. Wang	1413	Saloon-keeper	July 7, 1903.
Henry E. Hanway	8771	Salesman for wholesale liquor house	About May 1, 1903.
H. Klingman	1813	Bartender	About May, 1903.
J. W. Stewart	1296	Bartender	About Sept. 8, 1903.
W. D. Close	8424	Saloon-keeper	Feb. 14, 1902.
Wm. Manlove	4774	Servant in saloon	May 1, 1902.
Jno. A. Seifert	3430	Bartender	Aug. 1, 1903.
R. M. Nash	1893	Saloon-keeper	Aug. 1, 1902.
Edw. Daly	10648	Bartender	Nov. 1, 1903.
C. Boemle	3613	Saloon-keeper	Dec. 9, 1902.
John T. Bennallack	2460	Saloon-keeper	About Dec. 1, 1902.
J. M. Bellinger	7452-1378	Collector for wholesale liquor house	Nov. 2, 1903.
Geo. L. Rethmeyer	8146	Bartender	About Aug. 15, 1903.
F. F. Gerbig	2767-361	Saloon-keeper	About July 1, 1903.
F. D. Le Blanc	4159-2372	Bartender	About May 1, 1903.
I. Anderson	5767	Servant of brewery agent	Oct. 1, 1903.
H. L. Leonard	482	Saloon-keeper	About July 8, 1903.
W. F. Krause	2372	Saloon-keeper	About June 1, 1903.
O. Fuller	272-4432	Bartender and saloon-keeper	Sept. 20, 1903.
C. A. Ruby	1116	Servant of brewery	1903.
J. Learnsbury	5198	Owner of saloon	

That at the time of joining this society, so far as disclosed by the evidence submitted, each of said persons was engaged in an occupation not classed as prohibited by its by-laws then in force; that each entered upon his occupation, above stated, after joining this society and at a time when such occupation was declared to be prohibited by its by-laws, then in force, and at a time when such by-laws provided and declared that the act of entering upon such occupation should forfeit the holder's benefit certificate in this society.

Following numerous prior decisions of this body in similar cases, the conclusion is, that under the by-laws in force at the time each of said persons entered his said respective occupation, each, by so doing, forfeited all rights as a member of this society, both social and beneficial, and the benefit certificate of each became absolutely null and void, immediately upon his entering such occupation, and so remains, without any action on the part of the Head Camp, the local camp to which he belonged, or of this society or of any officer thereof.

I therefore recommend that each of said persons be declared to have forfeited all rights as a member of this society, both social and beneficial, at the time each, as aforesaid, respectively entered his present occupation; that the said benefit certificate of each be declared to have become absolutely null and void, at the time, respectively, each so forfeited his rights as a member, and to so remain; that the Head Clerk be requested to notify each of said persons and the clerk of the camp to which each last belonged, of this decision, and further to notify such clerk to receive no further dues or assessments from such person.

On motion, the foregoing report is accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein contained are concurred in.

Head Clerk Hawes submitted the following report:

On August 28, 1903, benefit certificate No. 999033 was issued through Camp 7170, at Berlin, Pa., in favor of Harry C. Hittie and mailed to the clerk of said camp. Certificate was returned to this office for correction, but as same was written according to the application, it was returned to the clerk of camp and he was advised of this fact. It was afterwards discovered that the beneficiary, Harry C. Hittie, was the name of the applicant. The deputy, in writing the application, inserted applicant's name as beneficiary. Duplicate certificate was issued October 7, 1903, naming William H. Hittie, father, as beneficiary, and said duplicate certificate was mailed to the clerk of camp on that date. Adoption was conferred on applicant November 2, 1903, or sixty-six days subsequent to the issuance of the original certificate, delay being caused partially through a misunderstanding of the society's law, and partly through erroneous instructions given by this office. For these reasons, would recommend that validity of said duplicate certificate No. 999033 be confirmed so far as affected by the irregularity in adoption of the applicant as above set forth.

On motion the foregoing report is accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein contained are concurred in. The Head Clerk is directed to advise Neighbor Hittie and the clerk of said Camp 7170 of this action.

General Attorney White submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made are concurred in:

In re appeal of D. P. Isaacs, of Camp 570, located at Mechanicsburg, Ill.:

D. P. Isaacs, a member of Local Camp 570, at Mechanicsburg, Ill., was adopted as a member of this society May 5, 1888, and received a benefit certificate of $3,000, he being of the age of 31 years, and his rate of assessment $1.30. On September 2, 1889, when he was of the age of 32 years, he became suspended and continued in suspension until February 3, 1896, when he was reinstated at the age of 39 years, the rate for that age being $1.45, which amount he paid on a new benefit certificate from that time.

The by-laws adopted in 1895, which were in force at the time he was reinstated, provided, under section "G," chapter 11, that a member in suspension for more than one year might make a new application and be reinstated to membership without being readopted, thus giving him the advantage of avoiding the payment of a new adoption fee.

The by-laws adopted at the 1903 Head Camp, and now in force, provide, section 33: "From and after January 1, 1904, every beneficial member shall pay death benefit assessments, determined by his age at the date of his certificate, according to the following:" (after which follows the table of rates graded according to the age of the member, the rate for the age of 31 years on $3,000 being $1.95, and the rate on a certificate for the same amount for the age of 39 years being $2.55). The rate of Neighbor Isaacs was computed by the Head Clerk under this section at $2.55, and from that action of the Head Clerk Neighbor Isaacs has appealed to the Executive Council and urges that the Head Clerk is in error as to his rate; that his assessments should be based on the certificate originally issued to him when he was of the age of 31 years, and not on the age which he had attained, 39 years, when he received in 1896 the benefit certificate which he now holds. If he be given the benefit of the age of 31, his assessment would be $1.95, and if charged at the age of 39 years, he would be required to pay $2.55. Said section 33 requires that the rate be determined, "by his age at the date of his certificate," which must be interpreted to mean the same as though it read, "determined by his age at the date of his certificate now in force," which construction the Head Clerk evidently gave that section in computing the rate of Neighbor Isaacs. The original benefit certificate held by this Neighbor had been void from the time of his suspension to the date of his reinstatement, a period of seven years, and he realized that fact, surrendered that certificate, and received from the society a new one which was in force at the time section 33 was adopted, and at the time that section went into effect, and a reasonable construction which would not do violence to the rights of this Neighbor, nor to the rights of other Neighbors who are interested in the amount which each shall pay, would require that he pay the rate of assessment charged to the Neighbor, based on the age which he had attained at the date of the certificate in force, and not as he contends, at the age when he received a certificate which he permitted to

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become void by reason of his failure to pay his assessments thereon, and later on surrendered to the society.

Director Saunders submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Executive Council, and the recommendations therein made are concurred in:

In re application of Chas. Heitman, member of Camp 2800, located at Topeka, Kan., for reconsideration of the decision of the Executive Council, rendered at the August, 1903, session of said Council, I beg leave to report as follows:

The certificate of Neighbor Heitman was declared void at the August, 1903, session of the Executive Council, because of the fact that he had been engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage. Immediately after the decision was rendered Neighbor Heitman requested a reconsideration of this whole matter, and at my request, Director Murphy made a personal investigation of all the facts in reference to Neighbor Heitman's connection with the liquor business. That Neighbor Heitman was at one time engaged in the sale of liquor there can be no doubt. However, he has been a member of this society since 1895, and he is now an old man and by reason of his age cannot secure insurance in any other fraternal society. He is engaged in the grocery business at the present time and has promised that he will never again be connected with the sale of intoxicating liquors.

While I am of the opinion that the decision of the Executive Council was right, yet I am constrained to believe that we should extend to Neighbor Heitman the broad charity of our society and permit him to resume his relations with us.

I therefore recommend that the decision made at the August, 1903, session of the Executive Council be set aside and that Neighbor Heitman be permitted to reinstate upon the payment of all dues and assessments for which he is now delinquent; such reinstatement to be made, however, within fifteen days after notice of this decision.

Director Byrns presented to the Executive Council the Head Clerk's annual membership statement, and asked whether it was the wish of the Council that same be published. On motion, it is decided that general circulation of the statement in the society's official organ be discontinued until further order of the Council.

Director Murphy, to whom the case had been referred, made verbal report in the case of Neighbor Alfred Rusted, of Camp 1562, Sibley, Ia., recommending that, in view of the fact that said Neighbor has not used intoxicating liquor since September 10, 1903, and promises to abstain from the use of the same, that the local clerk be authorized to continue to accept his dues and assessments so long as he does not violate said promise, but to immediately refuse any and all moneys tendered if Neighbor Rusted again begins the use of liquor or drugs. On motion, the report of Director Murphy is accepted and the recommendations therein made are concurred in. The Head Clerk is directed to advise the clerk of Camp 1562 of this action.

Director Murphy made verbal report also in the matter of appeal by Camp 10316, Providence, R. I., from decision of Head Consul Northcott in holding that reconsideration by said camp of a resolution employing Deputy M. J. Linch was irregular, recommending that the decision of the Head Consul be affirmed. On motion, the report of Director Murphy was accepted and the recommendation therein made was concurred in. The Head Clerk was directed to advise said Camp 10316 of this action.

The Executive Council adjourned January 16 to reconvene at the Head Office, Rock Island, Ill., in February, 1904, on call by the Head Council.

Lige Barney's Shiftlessness

By

FLOYD K. ROYCE

LIGE BARNEY had always been shiftless.

I might use the shorter word and say he had always been lazy, but that hardly expresses it.

A lazy man may be spurred on to doing something, but the more a shiftless man does the worse the conditions.

Lige did one thing in a prompt way, however. He married black-eyed Lizzie Bell before she had been out of school long enough to be able to distinguish a shiftless fellow from a real up-to-date young business man.

Having married him a good wife, Lige seemed content to do nothing more; not even to bring in wood and water, let alone working the eighty-acre farm his father had left him.

Lizzie, or Elizabeth Jane Barney, was an ambitious woman. She loved pretty things for the house; in fact she had a passion for bric-a-brac which was the more intense, perhaps, because ungratified.

The first year of her married life she had spent in a fruitless endeavor to arouse her husband to doing something. She had expected he would do the farm work while she would care for the house, raise her chickens, make the butter, the same as done by the women folks on the neighboring farms.

But no work in the fields for Mr. Barney.

"Why, my dear little sweetheart," he had replied when she had expressed disapproval of his determination to lease the farm, "do not for a moment imagine I intend to delve in dirt and become so absorbed in combating the festive potato-bug that I forget what I owe to you. Far from it. We will lease the farm, and while O'Brien is raising the pigs and potatoes you and I will be floating gaily down the Mississippi in a house-boat—a most delightful summer pastime."

"Float in a boat!" Elizabeth Jane had exclaimed in contradictory tones. "Better first get your boat."

"Well said, sweet," he had complacently replied. "I have already secured the boat. O'Brien's brother has a daisy. I traded the year's rent for the boat."

"Elijah Barney, you don't mean to tell me that you have given the use of the farm one whole year for a boat?"

"That is just what. I am sure you will like the flagstaff on her."

"You will need something more substantial than flagstaffs to live on next winter."

"'Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.' Don't worry over next winter. We may both drown before we get half way to New Orleans. If we do drown this summer, why, naturally, we won't need anything to live on next winter." This last was said more cheerfully, for he was so pleased with his logic, the anger of his wife was forgotten.

"A cheerful prospect, surely. No wonder you are pleased. 'May get drowned this summer; hence, will not starve next winter.'"

"Oh, come now, sweetheart," he had replied, putting an arm around her. "We will endeavor to not drown, but will try to make New Orleans by next fall. We can then pass the time more pleasantly there, in that warm southern clime, than in this country where it gets so beastly cold in January."

The young wife, for she was then only eighteen, was captivated to a certain extent with the novelty of the trip; so in the end their household goods were placed on board the boat, and one bright May morning Lige gave a man a quarter to push the boat from the shore and the journey down-stream began in earnest.

But Lige Barney was too shiftless to even drift successfully down-stream without assistance. There was much poling and steering necessary in order to avoid bridges and sand-bars. Then, too, the boat must be "tied up" in shore at night and shoved off again next morning.

The first stop was made in a delightful bayou, bordered by a beautiful grove.

The boat had been run close in shore so it could be fastened by cable to a tree.

The stop had been made while the sun was still high in the west because the little cove looked so inviting.

"Talk about solid comfort," said Lige, stretching his legs on the shore while Mrs. Barney was bringing from the boat the water-bucket, "this is like being driven back to Eden; like in that story by Roe."

"HE THREW THE SACK OVER HER SHOULDERS."

"It is a pleasant place," replied practical Elizabeth Jane. "Just chain up the boat, then slip over to that farm house and get some fresh water."

"I think I saw some strawberry vines in that clearing back by the bend," replied Lige, assuming to not notice the extended water-bucket. "You just get a quart of milk over at that farm house, while I see if there are any ripe berries."

Perhaps Mrs. Barney felt the need of exercise of legs fully as much as of tongue, for without further remark she picked up the pail and started for the house. On the hill-top she turned and called to ask Lige, who was still near the camp, if he had chained the boat.

"All right, Duxey Jane," he replied from his seat on a log. "I'll fix her."

A hard gust of wind blew through the clearing. A bluejay on the limb of a dead red oak called harsh defiance to a kingfisher near the water edge while the darkened sun foretold a quick change in weather, for which the Mississippi valley is noted in May.

Hurrying from the farm house, doubly burdened with milk and water, Mrs. Barney was well out of breath when she approached the boat landing, thirty minutes after leaving her husband to chain up the boat.

One look at the place where the boat had been told how he had performed, or, rather, how he had failed to perform, his duty. Instead of making fast the boat, and then going in search of strawberries, he had leaned back against a nearby stump and was fast asleep, while the house-boat, in which were about all of their earthly belongings, blown loose from its moorings by the approaching storm, was well out in the channel and going down-stream at a rapid rate.

"Elijah Barney, what have you done? Sleeping there like a dolt and letting your boat go down-stream?" called the provoked woman, shaking the man by the shoulder.

Lige opened his eyes and smiled indulgently. "My, my, but what a delightful dream. I thought I found a thousand dollars and was just buying you the prettiest silk parasol, with a solid silver knob on the handle."

"Oh, man, man, will you ever realize that there is anything more to life than day-dreams?" And the tired little woman sat down on the log and cried out all the discouragement she felt.

"Never you mind me, sweetheart," he replied, bringing her head with an affectionate little squeeze down to his shoulder. "I am careless, I'll admit. I really did intend to chain up that boat, but I slipped off into a doze and——say, but isn't she making good time? Why, at that rate, with this young cyclone behind her, she will be on to that island in another minute! Look! There! I told you! Landed high and dry! I counted on making that island tomorrow."

"Yes, and now that the boat has made it alone let us make for that house. The good woman gave me an invitation to come up and stay all night. We must hurry or the storm will catch us."

Just as they arrived at the farm house, a light covered wagon drawn by a handsome team turned into the yard. The occupants were a man and woman. They had a good camping outfit and were touring the country for pleasure.

The storm broke soon after all were in the house, where the farmer and his good wife had welcomed them with genuine farmer hospitality.

Before bedtime the storm had blown over, a visit had been made to the island in a skiff, and the house-boat and contents found safe and secure.

"I rather like that house-boat idea," said the tourist to the owner of the boat.

"And I was just thinking I would prefer traveling in your wagon," rejoined Lige.

Then, before Mrs. Barney knew what was being done, Lige came into the front room where she sat with the others.

"We travel tomorrow by team, sweetheart," he began by way of explanation. "I think one runs too much risk of contracting rheumatic troubles living in a house-boat, so I have traded our boat just as she lies for Mr. Campbell's outfit."

"Why, Mr. Barney, I——"

"Yes, I know how you felt about it. I never felt just right in loading you on that old boat against your better judgment. We are mighty lucky in getting shut of it, not saying it isn't a good boat and a bargain for you, Mr. Campbell," he hastily added.

As a result of the sudden change in plans, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Barney headed their new team toward Colorado, where the Cripple Creek gold excitement was on, while Mr. and Mrs. Campbell went on down the Mississippi in search of new pleasures.

We will not follow them in the long trip across Iowa and Nebraska. There had been some mishaps, but the season was ideal for camping out. As there was no haste, whenever a pleasant camping ground was discovered they would remain for several days, thus keeping their little blacks in good condition.

At last, one cloudless day in September, came the end of their journey. They had passed the foothills and were now well up in the Rocky Mountains. Turning into the streets of the live mining town they sought accommodations at the one hotel, only to learn that the wife of the proprietor had that morning died, and the landlord was getting ready to go "back home" with the body.

"I don't know what to do with the hotel," he had said to Mrs. Barney when she asked for accommodations, wishing rest indoors for a week that she might launder and replenish her scanty wardrobe. "The building stands on leased ground and must be moved this month. I have paid the men to move it, but I can not run the hotel alone, now that my wife is dead."

"Is it paying?" asked Mrs. Barney, who had suddenly decided she could conduct a hotel without much help from her husband.

"Pays three or four thousand a year, now, and could be increased if we had more room. I would sell the building dirt cheap, however, for I believe I best not return from Ohio, as the children will have to remain with their grandma."

"I would buy it if I had the means," Mrs. Barney remarked.

"If you can pay five hundred dollars down, I will take a mortgage for the balance and let you have the whole house as she stands, and throw in the furniture and the moving for five thousand dollars."

"But all we have with us is our team and outfit," suggested Mrs. Barney.

"That will easily bring a thousand cash out here."

"Then we will take the house."

The landlord was called away just as Mr. Barney came in.

"Great stroke of luck, sweetheart!" he exclaimed, smiling. "Have sold the outfit for a thousand dollars."

"That is fortunate, for by paying five hundred down we can buy this hotel building just as it stands. You have helped by making this sale. Let me have the money."

"Why, yes! But, you see——" stammered the usually placid Lige, "I met a man who had a cracker-jack of a mine. He offered me the mine for eight hundred cash——"

"You don't mean to say you have fooled away the money on a hole in the ground?" exclaimed his wife in great distress.

"A great investment, my dear. That is the mine right across the street, there," pointing to a half-acre tract, just back of the hotel, in the center of which was a hole eight feet square and about twelve feet deep. "All it needs is to be properly worked to bring us thousands in pure gold——"

But the poor wife was too much overcome to listen further. Dropping her head to the table in front of her, great sobs shook her little body. Lige realized the seriousness of his offense when, in trying to console her, she turned her tear-stained face toward him, and passionately burst forth in a torrent of words, made perhaps more severe because of the nervous condition in which the day had left her.

"Can you realize what is to become of us, away out here a thousand miles from home, winter almost upon us, and baby——"

"I never thought of that, Lizzie." Then suddenly brightening, "But you better go home to your mother, anyway, dear——"

"Perhaps, that is best," she answered, calmed by his distress. "The two hundred dollars you have left will take us home."

"But there isn't any two hundred dollars left——"

"Not two hundred dollars left. What have you done with that?"

"Why, here it is. I nearly forgot all about it." And he brought forth a large bundle. "You see, when I was coming

by the big store on the corner I ran on to a traveling-man for a Chicago fur house. He had this sealskin sack left, and offered it to me for two hundred dollars and I bought it for you, my queen," and he threw the sack over her shoulders. It was a beautiful garment, and the contrast between its rich fur and the balance of her dress was too much even for her grief. The ridiculousness of the whole thing convulsed her with hysterical laughter.

"Oh, Lige, Lige! The best dress I have to my name is a ten-cent calico. What can I do with a sealskin sack?" And she laughed until the tears fairly ran down her cheeks.

Ashamed, but not entirely despondent, the man looked up with a half sad, half defiant smile.

"Well, sealskin is none too good for you, anyway. I was so busy thinking how pretty you would look in sealskin I forgot all about everything else in the whole world." There was no doubting that, and his evident distress did much to restore Mrs. Barney to her old hopeful self. Soon it had been agreed that the Illinois farm might be exchanged for the hotel if agreeable to the owner, and the mining lot would serve for its new location.

Happily the idea took with him, as he had a brother living in the township in which the farm was located, and the exchange was made, he paying to Mrs. Barney six hundred dollars additional in cash.

"The farm is easily worth $70 an acre," he had declared, "and the six hundred will put a good cellar under the house."

The kind-hearted landlord, before leaving on his sad return east, had the building movers on the ground, and by the end of the next week the hotel was in its new location, the abandoned mine becoming a part of the cellar.

The house retained all of its old patrons, and the mining craze then on at Cripple Creek attracted so many to the locality that the hotel was continually crowded by good-natured customers who paid liberally for accommodations.

To Mrs. Barney it appeared that her troubles were at last happily ended. Her husband seemed especially adapted for the office. He greeted all genially, smoked incessantly, did not fix the price on anything, nor buy the supplies. His wife had the sole financial management, and the "Gold Nugget" was the most popular hotel in all the Cripple Creek district.

But Mr. Barney was not entirely satisfied.

He heard continually of the rich "strikes" in this mine and that, and secretly he longed to see what was in his old mine in the cellar under the hotel kitchen. He began to investigate, then quietly laid his plans. He luckily had them all completed, one afternoon, when everybody was out of the hotel.

Mrs. Barney was returning from the post office when she saw Lige emerge from the cellar door on a run.

"What is it?" she asked in alarm hastening forward.

"Go back! Go back!" he shouted. "She is going off!"

"Who is going off?"

But there was no need for him to answer, for just then a tremendous explosion in the cellar told the story.

Lige had put a blast in the old mine to see what it would turn up. The effect was disastrous beyond power of pen to describe. As a result of the explosion the entire hotel building was lifted into the air, and came down in a thousand pieces, scattered all over the town.

Mrs. Barney gave one look at the wreck of all their earthly possessions, then swooned dead away.

For days there was unusual excitement in the Cripple Creek country, caused by the explosion, the wreck of the hotel and what followed.

Lige Barney paced about like a caged lion in the room next to the one in which were the doctors, and his wife hovering, as he thought, between life and death. He had been in the room until they had in sheer pity for his mute anguish turned him out. Of one thing he was quite positive, and this he kept repeating to himself.

"If sweetheart only gets well, I will never again be shiftless."

Then, at last, the doctor came out.

"Your wife wishes to see you. You may go in, but you must not excite her."

He promised and entered the room, as woe-begone a looking man as ever came into the presence of his wife.

"Lige, dear," began the invalid, clasping his hand in her own hot one. "You must not grieve so over the ruin of the hotel. It was dreadful, and I know how you are condemning yourself, but never mind. Money is not all of life. We can both work for baby when I get well——"

"No need for us to work now," blurted out the big-hearted fellow, with both arms about her. "You just get well, that is all. We will have money enough now."

"Why, where did you get it?"

"My explosion that destroyed your hotel, uncovered the richest gold mine in the district. I already have been offered a hundred thousand dollars for it, but I am through selling. You are my business agent from this on."

"Oh Lige, dear! then your shiftlessness has really made us rich."

"Yes, and you can buy something beside calico to wear with that sealskin"; and he gave her another bear-hug, while she protested.

"You always were the best-intentioned man alive, Lige; but, take care—you'll hurt the baby."

Idaho, Utah and Nevada.

Moscow, Idaho.—The work is moving nicely in Idaho and is looking better in Utah and Nevada. Not many suspensions because of the new rate and it is not injuring the field work in the least. Geo. S. Corser has been appointed district deputy and will go to his new field in North Idaho as soon as he completes the organization of a new camp at Dubois, Idaho. R. L. Creek, district deputy in South Idaho, now has twelve bonded assistants in his district and the work is showing up well. The camp at Greer, Idaho, had only ten members on the last day of December, and in January adopted nine new members. They had intended to adopt ten new members, thus doubling their membership in one month, but one application was delayed at the Head Office. This is what we call good work in this state. Assistant Deputy E. A. Lawson is doing good work for Menan Camp and they adopted ten new members during January. Weiser Camp has commenced what bids fair to be a very successful campaign for new members. They should have 100 members there. M. M. Reeves, assistant deputy, is doing the work. Wm. E. Brown, assistant deputy, has taken a large number of applications for Forest Camp. It took the death of a Neighbor to arouse them there, but they are doing good work now. Assistant Deputy L. P. Howard is doing good work for Stites Camp and soliciting members for a new camp near there. H. P. Heninger, district deputy for Utah, has been doing good work for Ogden Camp. The Neighbors of Boise and Moscow Camp are still waiting in great suspense to know which camp has won the banner. I received a new supply of envelopes a few days ago. They have on them the new battle cry, "A Million Members for Milwaukee," and under this neat pictures of Head Consul Talbot and Supreme Organizer Johnson, smiling across at each other. They look as natural as life and anyone would know who they are.

T. W. BARTLEY, State Deputy.

A Generous Member.

Cedar Camp 4727, of Newark, O., had a good friend in Neighbor J. W. Rutledge, who is recorder of his county. Some time ago Neighbor Rutledge said to the members of Cedar Camp that when the membership reached 1,000 in number he would give them a banquet. This was done in order to incite the members of the camp to greater exertion. Wednesday night, January 20, was the time set for redeeming his promise, as the camp had over 900 members and enough in sight to make it a thousand, so Neighbor Rutledge thought he was justified in fulfilling his promise and the banquet was served. Not only were the members of Cedar Camp invited but all of the camps in the county as well, and there was a large delegation from outside of the city present to enjoy the evening. Five candidates were adopted, after which came the banquet. The speakers were Judge W. A. Irvine, J. W. Rutledge, R. R. Jones, E. S. Randolph, S. C. Russell, C. W. Miller, Judge E. M. P. Brister, C. L. Long, W. C. Seward, S. W. Haight, James R. Atcherly, J. P. Lamb and John Lambert.

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Benefit Assessment No. 197, Levied for the Month of March, 1904

The publication and mailing of this notice to a Neighbor in suspension shall not be held to waive forfeiture or lapse of membership which may have occurred from any cause.

Head Office, Modern Woodmen of America, Rock Island, Ill., March 1, 1904.

Esteemed Neighbors: The Board of Directors, Modern Woodmen of America, convened in regular session at the Head Office building, Rock Island, Ill., February 16, 1904, in its judgment finding the condition of the benefit fund such as to require an assessment to be called, and in accordance with the provisions of the society's laws, authorized, ordered, and levied upon the beneficial members of the society assessment No. 197 for the month of March, 1904, and directed the Head Clerk to notify each and every beneficial member of the society in good standing of its action. You will therefore take notice that said assessment No. 197, levied as aforesaid, is due and payable on the 1st day of March, 1904, and that unless same is paid by you to the clerk of the local camp in which you hold membership on or before the last day of said month of March, 1904, you will thereby be suspended and your benefit certificate through operation of law be rendered absolutely null and void from and after said last mentioned date. This notice applies only in case you are not in suspension by reason of failure to pay any assessment heretofore levied, and in case you are not otherwise delinquent under the society's laws, and are not engaged in any employment which is by its laws prohibited.

The society's Board of Directors investigated the following listed benefit claims, and satisfied itself that said claims, and each and all of them, are legal liabilities against the society, and allowed same—viz.:

No.	Name and Location.	Age.	Date Cert.	Camp.	Amt.	Cause and Date of Death.
14985	Wesley Banash, Shawnee, Okla....	55	May 20,'91	7781	$1000	Tuberculosis, June 8, '02.
17250	R. T. Parkinson, Cambridge, O....	46	Nov. 2,'01	3542	2000	Disease of heart, April 14, '03.
18698	James H. Black, Coffeyville, Kan..	53	Nov. 26,'90	665	3000	Dysentery, Sept. 23, '03.
18836	George Sheldon, Wetmore, Mich...	40	April 11,'02	9221	1000	Apoplexy, Oct. 5, '03.
18860	Henry A. Gentry, Granada, Colo...	42	Oct. 9,'99	7589	1000	Typhoid fever, Sept. 28, '03.
18927	Edward Anderson, Galva, Ill.....	35	May 31,'99	241	500	Acute gastritis, Oct. 6, '03.
19037	Chas. G. Stelter, Fairwater, Wis...	45	June 22,'00	8310	2000	Accidental injury, Nov. 5, '03.
19235	George W. Blanchard, Antioch, Ill.	46	Sept. 13,'89	557	2000	Tuberculosis, Nov. 23, '03.
19256	John Drake, Orting, Wash.....	41	July 9,'03	5537	3000	Sarcoma of neck, Nov. 25, '03.
19300	Robt. A. Reich, Kansas City, Mo..	46	April 2,'98	3663	1000	Angina pectoris, Dec. 2, '03.
19376	Lester A. Wheeler, Artesian, S. D.	33	Jan. 26,'98	2827	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 14, '03.
19400	William Rodman, Maitland, Mo...	43	June 15,'94	5016	2000	Disease of heart, Dec. 14, '03.
19409	J. Erlandson, Carpentersville, Ill...	50	Dec. 17,'85	11319	2000	Addison's disease, Dec. 18, '03.
19422	Peter Helgemo, Canosia, Minn.....	41	Nov. 2,'00	5098	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 8, '03.
19424	Christian Kliebe, Ashton, Ill.....	52	Oct. 20,'92	48	2000	Cancer, Dec. 16, '03.
19463	Melvin Pierce, Lopez, Wash.....	61	Feb. 21,'89	5857	1000	Chronic diarrhoea, Dec. 16, '03.
19469	John P. Pattinson, Seward, Kan...	51	Mar. 17,'97	7002	1000	Accidental injury, Dec. 22, '03.
19480	Wm. H. Worley, Bedrock, Colo....	34	Mar. 23,'03	11160	2000	Hem'rhage of brain, Dec. 11,'03.
19489	Gilbert Guller, Smithboro, Ill.....	48	Dec. 7,'87	1043	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 25, '03.
19500	Raphael Landrie, Detroit, Mich...	25	Jan. 27,'02	7671	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 26, '03.
19506	Henry A. Drake, Crown Point, Ind.	40	Sept. 25,'01	5121	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 25, '03.
19507	Ernest E. Evans, Byron, Ill.....	48	Sept. 8,'88	556	3000	Cereb. hemorrhage, Dec. 26, '03.
19530	John L. Thompson, Gibson, Mo....	37	Jan. 28,'03	9640	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 11, '03.
19531	Morris Cottlow, Shelbyville, Ill....	60	Feb. 14,'87	300	3000	Pneumonia, Dec. 18, '03.
19534	Charles O. Johnson, Belvidere, Ill.	21	June 6,'01	52	2000	Obstr'n of intestines, Dec.27,'03.
19541	Morton S. Pendley, Crystal, Ind...	39	Mar. 13,'01	9369	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 30, '03.
19543	Wm. M. Edmister, Canton, Minn..	45	Aug. 10,'95	2709	3000	Pneumonia, Dec. 31, '03.
19545	J. O. Seibert, Grand Rapids, Mich.	42	Aug. 26,'97	2314	3000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 31, '03.
19546	Frank P. Smith, Alden, Ia.....	31	April 3,'96	2096	2000	Acute mania, Jan. 1, '04.
19550	Charles Lange, Darwin, Minn.....	49	Jan. 21,'97	8327	2000	Suicide by shooting, Nov. 23,'03.
19551	Louis A. Eginoire, Thayer, Ia.....	36	Aug. 21,'01	7998	1000	Mastoid abscess, Dec. 6, '03.
19555	Otto G. Berry, Battle Creek, Mich.	25	Jan. 22,'02	911	2000	Accidental injury, Dec. 30,'03.
19557	Hans O. Alm, Minneapolis, Minn..	41	Nov. 7,'02	2254	1000	Consumptien, Jan. 1, '04.
19564	William E. Farrell, Camas, Wash.	37	Feb. 6,'99	6115	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 24, '03.
19568	Max Rickert, Wheaton, Ill.....	36	Dec. 23,'87	488	3000	Diabetes mellitus, Jan. 1, '04.
19574	William S. Owen, Arcadia, Neb...	62	Jan. 21,'91	1411	2000	Bright's disease, Jan. 2, '04.
19578	Robert E. Heath, Brodhead, Wis..	47	Feb. 12,'90	71	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 4, '04.
19583	C. W. Pendarvis, So. Butte, Mont..	42	July 1,'99	6127	3000	Typhoid fever, Dec. 21, '03.
19584	Johan Lundberg, Halstad, Mo.....	37	Jan. 30,'02	4666	3000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 4, '04.
19587	John W. Byerly, Scottdale, Pa.....	46	July 25,'02	9779	2000	Paralysis, Jan. 5, '04.
19588	Jesse Barnes, Bloomington, Ill.....	60	Oct. 8,'90	110	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 5, '04.
19596	Asa Bader, Wahoo, Neb.....	49	Feb. 11,'98	2012	2000	Paralysis of heart, Jan. 1, '04.
19598	John Johnson, Gulliver, Mich.....	46	April 24,'02	5061	1000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 2, '04.
19601	Robert E. Bailey, Vincennes, Ia...	20	Dec. 3,'01	4899	1000	Appendicitis, Jan. 6, '04.
19602	Theodore M. Hunt, Bushnell, Ill...	59	Dec. 7,'86	271	1000	Aortic stenosis, Jan. 6, '04.
19604	Albert E. Sager, Wheeler, Wis....	48	May 18,'99	6393	2000	Operation, Jan. 7, '04.
19605	James C. Parkinson, Zanesville, O.	47	May 16,'96	3224	2000	Accidental injury, Jan. 7, '04.
19606	Robert E. Howe, Ionia, Mo.....	45	July 14,'99	6803	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 7, '04.
19607	Irvin R. Short, Blue Rapids, Kan..	32	Sept. 14,'92	944	3000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 7, '04.
19609	J. M. G. Wegener, Walcott, Ia....	37	May 6,'97	2479	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 8, '04.
19611	Wm. L. Wilkinson, Norfolk, N. Y..	33	Aug. 20,'02	10031	2000	Accidental drowning, Dec. 16,'03.
19614	Axel E. Hagg, Valley, Wash.....	26	May 14,'01	9260	1000	Appendicitis, Jan. 2, '04.
19618	G. S. Henninger, Hagarstown, Ill..	54	Jan. 29,'94	1041	2000	Killed by cars, Jan. 6, '04.
19619	Michael Burns, Bangor, Me.....	45	Dec. 24,'00	7799	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 7, '04.
19620	Robert A. Rosier, Jamestown, N.Y.	42	Aug. 15,'00	8429	1000	Nephritis, Jan. 7, '04.
19621	Jesse B. Bell, Greenup, Ill.....	47	Feb. 19,'97	521	1000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 8, '04.
19623	Alonzo H. Stagg, Custer, S. D....	52	Dec. 27,'94	1870	2000	Accidental injury, Jan. 9, '04.
19624	Duncan A. McNicol, Wichita, Kan.	41	Dec. 8,'96	1881	3000	Appendicitis, Jan. 9, '04.
19625	W. R. Rathbone, Harrisburg, Ill...	47	April 1,'99	5147	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 10, '04.
19626	Daniel Hamilton, Savage, Neb.....	20	April 13,'03	3379	1000	Appendicitis, Jan. 7, '04.
19629	Scott A. Barker, Jeffersonville, O..	29	Dec. 21,'96	10863	1000	Bright's disease, Jan. 2, '04.
19631	Geo. A. McCrary, Los Angeles, Cal.	39	Dec. 3,'01	7110	3000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 5, '04.
19637	George R. Lutz, Saline, Mich.....	28	Aug. 22,'98	5631	500	Laryngeal tuberculosis, Jan.8,'04.
19640	J. H. Bowman, Martin's Ferry, O..	30	May 2,'01	6356	1000	Typhoid fever, Jan. 9, '04.
19641	Herman L. Ahlemeyer, Brazil, Ind.	49	Sept. 23,'97	3418	2000	Cerebral paralysis, Jan. 9, '04.
19642	P. F. Peterson, Silver Leaf, N. D.	41	Dec. 26,'98	5015	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 9, '04.
19644	Bernard Graham, Tipton, Ia.....	46	Sept. 12,'96	226	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 11, '04.
19645	Josiah Baker, Winn, Mich.....	42	Feb. 2,'01	9217	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 9, '04.
19647	Josephus Mitchell, Sapulpa, I. T...	50	Oct. 16,'97	6935	1000	Appendicitis, Dec. 29, '04.
19652	G. Johansson, Grand Rapids, Mich.	45	Aug. 20,'02	1080	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 8, '04.
19659	Roy J. Wilt, Rossville, Kan.....	28	Dec. 18,'95	1511	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 11, '04.
19661	H. S. Salisbury, Whitewater, Wis.	43	July 6,'92	389	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 12, '04.
19665	M. W. Niland, Parkersburg, W. Va.	21	Mar. 16,'03	6961	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 10, '04.
19666	Fred Stein, Rome, N. Y.....	24	Dec. 27,'01	8370	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 11, '04.
19669	Charles P. Crave, Moline, Ill.....	43	Oct. 30,'90	38	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 4, '04.
19671	David J. Davis, Pierre, S. D.....	52	April 1,'95	2851	2000	Bright's disease, Jan. 7, '04.
19672	Daniel J. Hurley, Modesto, Cal....	38	Feb. 12,'00	7657	3000	Cancer of stomach, Jan. 8, '04.
19673	Arthur A. Fauchier, Lyndon, Kan..	27	Feb. 7,'00	807	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 9, '04.
19674	Theo. H. Stevens, Granger, Minn..	33	Jan. 19,'97	3066	1000	Appendicitis, Jan. 10, '04.
19675	Ethan A. Benedict, Marion, Ia....	60	Mar. 18,'90	129	1000	Meningitis, Jan. 10, '04.
19679	Frank H. Parker, Alpena, Mich...	41	April 14,'97	1770	1000	Overdose powder, Jan. 13, '04.
19680	Elias Newman, Havensville, Kan..	48	Mar. 27,'99	3041	1000	Congestion of brain, Jan. 14,'04.
19681	John G. Yount, Ironton, Mo.....	45	Aug. 9,'00	3755	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 12, '04.
19682	Patrick J. Gallagher, Erie, Pa.....	29	Jan. 8,'02	5294	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 11,'04.
19683	Chas. S. Miller, Frankfort, O.....	39	Feb. 6,'01	4065	2000	Paralysis, Jan. 6, '04.
19684	John A. Brandstrom, Rockford, Ill.	42	Aug. 26,'97	51	2000	Suicide by poison, Nov. 30, '03.
19686	Chas. W. Bishop, Tinley Park, Ill.	49	Sept. 13,'97	5013	2000	Accidental injury, Jan. 11, '04.
19689	Charles E. Maris, Williamsburg, Ia.	35	Feb. 12,'00	5689	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 13, '04.
19690	Robert Longworth, Atlanta, Ill....	55	Mar. 27,'90	500	3000	La grippe, Jan. 12, '04.
19691	Patrick Connor, Ava, Ill.....	43	Feb. 19,'00	7008	2000	Obstruc. of bowels, Jan. 13, '04.
19692	Joseph E. Richards, Butte, Mont...	36	Oct. 5,'99	5805	3000	Pernicious anemia, Jan. 1, '04.
19693	George Bebout, Sheridan, Wyo.....	37	Nov. 15,'99	5105	3000	Frozen, Jan. 3, '04.
19695	Charles E. Davis, Madelia, Minn...	51	Jan. 25,'94	1326	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 13, '04.
19698	John F. Stuckberry, Colton, Cal...	48	April 9,'00	7942	1000	Accidental injury, Dec. 29, '03.
19700	Charles Hall, Fulton, Ill.....	80	May 2,'83	2	2000	Cancer, Jan. 10, '04.
19701	Charles B. Sells, Colfax, Ill.....	25	Nov. 4,'01	2626	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 14, '04.
19702	Luther Scott, Howard, Kan.....	62	Aug. 18,'92	935	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 14, '04.
19706	John Kielty, Donnybrook, N. D....	36	Aug. 14,'99	9218	1000	Diabetes mellitus, Jan. 15, '04.
19707	Cornelius J. Miller, Huntley, Ill...	39	Aug. 19,'90	128	2000	Consumption, Jan. 15, '04.
19708	Joseph C. Vance, Danville, Ill.....	60	Aug. 10,'91	1551	2000	Paralysis, Jan. 16, '04.
19709	Geo. F. Marburger, Humboldt, Neb.	52	April 26,'89	933	2000	Bright's disease, Jan. 14, '04.
19710	James McMahon, So. Wayne, Wis..	41	Jan. 26,'99	2324	1000	Suicide by poison, Jan. 14,' 04.
19712	Arthur D. Vrooman, Valmy, Wis...	46	Oct. 25,'01	5800	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 15, '04.
19716	William A. Bogart, Perrin, Mo....	49	Dec. 6,'97	5181	2000	Suicide by hanging, Jan. 17,'04.
19717	Edward Hawkins, Coleman, Mo....	52	Mar. 13,'97	4396	1000	Suicide by hanging, Jan. 17,'04.
19718	Fred C. Patch, Bassett, Neb.....	26	April 25,'00	2995	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 17, '04.
19721	C. F. Zimmerman, Flat Rock, Ill..	50	July 22,'95	2133	2000	Apoplexy, Jan. 12, '04.
19722	Fritz Clausen, Elkhorn, Neb.....	61	July 3,'91	1330	2000	Hernia, Jan. 15, '04.
19724	Charles Murphy, Duluth, Minn....	38	Nov. 26,'00	2341	1000	Carcinoma, Jan. 16, '04.
19725	Wm. C. Buckner, Moriah, Ill.....	44	April 4,'01	9472	2000	Obstruc. of bowels, Jan. 16,'04.
19730	Wm. Elliott, Peotone, Ill.....	48	Jan. 23,'91	1405	3000	Accidental injury, Jan. 18, '04.
19731	John Alm, Gladstone, Mich.....	34	Feb. 25,'98	3020	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 18, '04.
19733	J. Herbert Ellwanger, Dubuque, Ia.	25	May 19,'99	83	1000	Typhoid fever, Jan. 19, '04.
19734	George Bashen, Bowen, Ill.....	56	June 12,'89	1014	3000	Disease of heart, Jan. 20, '04.
19736	Thomas Knox, Rosalia, Kan.....	37	Sept. 6,'99	7154	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 15, '04.
19737	H. E. Allen, La Grange, Ill.....	50	July 16,'98	3551	2000	Disease of stomach, Jan. 18,'04.
19738	Wm. C. Robinson, Springfield, Ill..	48	June 18,'91	1418	3000	Pneumonia, Jan. 18, '04.
19739	Wm. Stringer, Nashua, Ia.....	57	Aug. 26,'86	240	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 19, '04.
19741	Charles M. Caldwell, Auburn, Ill...	66	Oct. 9,'85	119	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 20, '04.
19745	Mathis Wink, Jamestown, N. D...	50	Jan. 25,'96	1477	2000	Cereb. hemorrhage, Jan. 17, '04.
19747	Wm. J. Hostetter, Diller, Neb.....	41	April 8,'02	1668	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 19, '04.
19748	Lemule F. Verley, Davis, S. D....	34	Sept. 25,'99	4885	1000	Typhoid fever, Jan. 20, '04.
19755	John Downs, Fulton, Ill.....	63	Sept. 19,'90	2	2000	Bright's disease, Dec. 23, '03.
19756	A. I. Troseth, San Francisco, Cal..	38	Aug. 27,'98	9633	1000	Endocarditis, Jan. 18, '04.
19757	Charles C. Cox, East St. Louis, Ill.	27	Jan. 7,'02	7755	2000	Consumption, Jan. 18, '04.
19759	Joseph L. Steffee, Whitehall, Mich.	48	Aug. 21,'96	4157	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 20, '04.
19760	George W. Minton, Georgeville, Ill.	44	Jan. 22,'03	7936	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 21, '04.
19761	Lowry E. Sunderland, Fairfield, Ill.	36	Mar. 6,'01	2281	3000	Diabetes mellitus, Jan. 21, '04.
19764	James Peterson, Stanley, Wis.....	30	June 17,'96	2001	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 22, '04.
19766	Fred Hanlon, Dixon, Ill.....	39	Mar. 25,'89	841	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 22, '04.
19770	Wm. H. Flood, North Alton, Ill...	43	Dec. 6,'98	3381	1000	Consumption, Dec. 25, '03.
19771	Lincoln C. Arnold, Harrisburg, Pa.	43	Oct. 24,'00	5250	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 13, '04.
19772	Wm. P. Merck, Belleville, Ill.....	43	April 11,'94	1362	2000	Appendicitis, Jan. 14, '04.
19773	John W. Forest, Thayer, Kan.....	58	May 24,'89	972	2000	Apoplexy, Jan. 18, '04.
19776	Frank R. Chrastil, Schuyler, Neb..	46	Mar. 16,'95	1628	1000	Disease of heart, Jan. 20, '04.
19783	John Dotray, Mulberry Grove, Ill..	53	Jan. 26,'89	433	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 24, '04.
19784	Seth L. Jenkins, Rockton, Ill.....	53	Mar. 23,'94	77	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 24, '04.
19785	Fred Clark, Oakland, Ia.....	42	Jan. 9,'96	2846	3000	Pneumonia, Jan. 24, '04.
19786	Arthur S. Beardslee, Ashkum, Ill..	38	Jan. 30,'95	2782	3000	Disease of heart, Jan. 24, '04.
19787	Rolla B. Stevenson, Clearfield, Ia..	29	Mar. 6,'99	3503	2000	Acute nephritis, Jan. 20, '04.
19791	James P. Millian, Elmira, N. Y...	32	May 6,'02	8879	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 22, '04.
19795	Peter N. Freeman, Moline, Ill.....	60	Jan. 27,'87	38	2000	Suicide by hanging, Jan. 13, 04.
19796	Ezra H. McCutchen, Holstein, Ia..	52	June 18,'96	3931	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 13, '04.
19798	Chas. E. Cook, Boscobel, Wis.....	32	May 23,'96	472	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 22, '04.
19799	Calvin W. Polk, Holdenville, I. T..	41	April 16,'01	9050	2000	Accidental gunshot, Jan. 22,'04.
19800	Chas. F. Adams, Malvern, Ia.....	53	April 8,'95	1853	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 23, '04.

No.	Name and Location.	Age.	Date	Cert.	Camp.	Amt.	Cause and Date of Death.
19803	C. B. Hill, Falling Spring, W. Va.	29	Mar.	31,'02	8721	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 25, '04.
19806	William L. Konkler, Sebeka, Minn.	28	May	6,'01	5456	1000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 17, '04.
19807	Lewis H. Brown, Marshall, Okla..	53	June	4,'95	7153	2000	Softening of brain, Jan. 19, '04.
19810	Thos. J. French, Bonne Terre, Mo.	40	June	6,'01	3934	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 26, '04.
19811	James M. Farmer, Calhoun, Mo...	40	Nov.	26,'94	2442	2000	Measles, Jan. 27, '04.
19813	Charles J. Fude, Bay City, Mich...	46	Sept.	5,'00	1490	2000	Edema of lungs, Jan. 14, '04.
19814	Alfred Merz, Missoula, Mont.....	43	Mar.	24,'99	7658	3000	Suicide by shooting, Jan. 23, '04.
19820	F. A. Wsetecka, La Crosse, Wis...	35	May	9,'99	360	1000	Cancer, Jan. 27, '04.
19821	John M. Fisher, Ft. Scott, Kan....	56	Dec.	9,'90	626	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 27, '04.
19824	F. O. Bridgman, Fairmont, Neb...	52	Sept.	15,'93	484	2000	Cerebral hem'rhage, Jan. 14,'04.
19842	Thomas Lewis, Enfield, Ill.....	29	Mar.	6,'03	2618	1000	Disease of heart, Jan. 29, '04.
19850	Jacob Stilabower, Meadville, Mo...	52	July	24,'96	2388	2000	Suicide by shooting, Jan. 20,'04.
19851	Andrew J. Barrett, Ashley, Ill....	47	Dec.	23,'99	2128	1000	Disease of stomach, Jan. 27,'04.
19852	Joseph Dobson, Kansas City, Mo...	37	Oct.	26,'99	3794	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 31, '04.
19853	Wilbur G. Martin, Edwards, Mo...	22	Sept.	28,'01	8308	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 15, '04.

Of the foregoing claims allowed at a stated meeting held February 2-5, 1904, all except claims numbered 19300, 19588 and 19611 were paid February 6, 1904, out of surplus in benefit fund in the hands of the Head Banker.

14227	C. C. Anderson, Covello, Wash....	27	Jan.	23,'01	9167	$500	Meningitis, Oct. 23, '01.
18398	Giles S. Womack, Fair Grove, Mo..	41	June	10,'99	5536	3000	Typhoid fever, Aug. 26, '03.
18783	Frank B. Powell, Longwood, Mo...	37	April	15,'03	4237	1000	Pleurisy, Oct. 5, '03.
18964	William Evans, Seneca, Mo.....	45	Feb.	20,'02	4465	2000	Malaria, Oct. 24, '03.
19204	Henry Cox, Albany, Ore.....	51	April	5,'98	5465	2000	Paralysis, Nov. 18, '03.
19260	L. W. Leach, Jr., Kingman, Kan..	25	Sept.	26,'01	606	1500	Suicide by poison, Dec. 2, '03.
19356	Fred A. Judd, Covina, Cal.....	36	Jan.	5,'00	7482	2000	Hem. of stomach, Nov. 29,'03.
19358	Cyrus Donnelly, Kingston, Wash...	29	Oct.	20,'03	7633	1000	Accidental drowning, Dec. 2,'03.
19380	John W. Glennen, Riverton, Ill....	59	June	13,'88	629	2000	Uremia, Nov. 28, '03.
19456	F. H. Umphenour, Trumbull, Neb..	37	April	10,'94	1458	2000	Ulcer'n of stomach, Dec. 25,'03.
19478	Theodore H. Miller, Newton, Kan..	44	May	14,'95	603	2000	Disease of heart, Dec. 16, '03.
19487	Harry Kearns, Montello, Wis.....	54	Feb.	9,'95	1373	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 25, '03.
19532	C. E. Umphenour, Harrison, Neb...	32	Oct.	31,'00	2923	2000	Pneumonia, Dec. 23, '03.
19603	Francis N. Davis, Center, Mo.....	50	Feb.	21,'98	4641	1000	Bright's disease, Jan. 6, '04.
19613	James L. Conkling, Lyle, Wash....	49	Nov.	3,'98	9502	2000	Suicide by hanging, Jan. 1, '04.
19628	Edward E. Newlon, Wabash, Neb..	40	June	6,'90	757	1000	Diabetes mellitus, Jan. 2, '04.
19630	E. J. Winsor, Grand Rapids, Minn.	45	Sept.	12,'96	6444	2000	Softening of brain, Jan. 9, '04.
19636	J. A. Arnold, Effingham, Ill.....	59	Nov.	10,'87	451	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 5, '04.
19638	Edson Earle, Ionia, Mich.....	41	Mar.	22,'99	1655	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 8, '04.
19660	Christ Hendrickson, Ridgefield, Ill..	42	Jan.	23,'89	739	3000	Pneumonia, Jan. 12, '04.
19662	George W. Moulton, Merrill, Mich..	36	Mar.	7,'02	7280	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 11, '04.
19667	James Bottomley, Nichols, Ia.....	27	Aug.	3,'01	4195	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 13, '04.
19668	William J. Smith, Cave, Minn.....	31	July	17,'02	10817	1000	Pleurisy, Jan. 2, '04.
19670	T. F. Mulrooney, New Richmond, Wis.	41	Jan.	14,'90	2993	3000	Congestion of lungs, Jan. 5,'04.
19676	Charles G. Johnson, Brainard, Neb.	42	Oct.	26,'00	1303	2000	Accidental injury, Jan. 11, '04.
19677	John Munsch, Easton, Ill.....	48	Sept.	23,'95	1880	3000	Paralysis, Jan. 12, '04.
19685	Carl A. Klumb, Henderson, Neb...	23	Feb.	19,'98	1459	1000	Gunshot wound, Dec. 29, '03.
19688	Gabe Hanson, Cresco, Ia.....	38	Mar.	4,'03	1344	1000	Paralysis, Jan. 15, '04.
19694	John F. Belshe, Spring Garden, Mo.	46	May	23,'00	7341	1000	Suicide by shooting, Jan. 13,'04.
19696	Francis M. Martin, Colchester, Ill.	30	Nov.	9,'98	568	2000	Acute phthisis, Jan. 14, '04.
19697	Robt. L. McNabb, Camp Point, Ill.	49	Mar.	23,'87	727	3000	Tuber. meningitis, Jan. 16, '04.
19705	Albert Johnson, Strum, Wis.....	25	Mar.	7,'00	4657	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 15, '04.
19711	Charles V. Renick, Oak Grove, Mo.	37	Mar.	14,'98	2536	1000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 15, '04.
19715	John Stuart, St. George, Kan.....	36	June	12,'96	4120	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 16, '04.
19720	Elisha Bisplinghoff, Belleview, Mo.	46	April	24,'99	6451	2000	Consumption, Jan. 11, '04.
19726	L. Westerman, Paterson, N. J.....	44	May	4,'03	7012	1000	Hepatitis, Jan. 16, '04.
19727	George E. Whitehead, Kahoka, Mo.	34	May	19,'94	2290	1000	Paresis, Jan. 16, '04.
19735	Thos. C. Clements, La Plata, Mo..	47	July	8,'01	2134	2000	Septic poisoning, Jan 12, '04.
19740	Thomas Terrio, Odanah, Wis.....	44	Mar.	2,'03	4871	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 20, '04.
19743	S. C. Elliott, Kansas City, Kan...	41	July	30,'00	1412	2000	Paralysis of heart, Jan. 14, '04.
19744	Calvin M. Randall, Batavia, Ia...	44	Feb.	14,'93	1852	1000	Uremic poisoning, Jan. 16, '04.
19749	John W. Rehard, Winterset, Ia....	53	June	28,'94	302	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 20, '04.
19750	Silas B. Morris, Washington, Kan..	39	Dec.	8,'97	759	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 20, '04.
19751	F. E. Lynch, Dodge Center, Minn..	42	Mar.	5,'00	1682	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 21, '04.
19752	Zeph Camp, Ogalalla, Neb.....	49	June	2,'94	2228	2000	Peritonitis, Jan. 21, '04.
19762	Samuel C. Davis, Kingman, Kan..	50	Feb.	18,'99	606	2000	Suicide by shooting, Jan. 21,'04.
19763	O. K. Myers, Huntington, W. Va..	26	April	24,'01	5257	1000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 21, '04.
19768	John E. Prest, McCool Junc., Neb..	55	Dec.	31,'90	834	2000	Disease of liver, Jan. 23, '04.
19769	John R. Hoke, Russellville, Ill....	24	Oct.	30,'99	3050	1000	Typh'd pneumonia, Jan. 23,'04.
19774	James E. Burke, Merom, Ind.....	36	Sept.	10,'98	5683	3000	Accidental injury, Jan. 20, '04.
19775	Cornelius Bonne, Rockford, Ill....	43	Jan.	17,'00	51	3000	Suicide by shooting, Jan. 20,'04.
19777	W. L. Haynes, Meridian, Idaho....	47	Jan.	25,'99	6664	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 21, '04.
19779	James M. Davis, Newburg, Mo....	37	Oct.	17,'99	4972	2000	Nephritis, Jan. 22, '04.
19780	F. M. Greene, Kansas City, Mo....	48	May	18,'94	2002	3000	Pneumonia, Jan. 22, '04.
19781	William Leikert, Bay City, Mich...	42	Aug.	13,'92	1514	1000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 23, '04.
19790	Wm. P. Quayle, Rock Island, Ill..	57	June	20,'84	29	2000	Chronic hepatitis, Jan. 23, '04.
19792	William F. Hyde, Dareville, Ill....	42	May	13,'02	10508	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 23, '04.
19793	Peter Ausmus, Kellerville, Ill....	47	June	2,'00	6553	2000	Anasarca, Jan. 25, '04.
19794	Jacob H. Trenholm, Lincoln, Neb..	40	Dec.	26,'99	1332	2000	Typhoid fever, Jan. 25, '04.
19801	Benjamin A. Cave, Fayette, Ia....	46	Mar.	10,'96	164	3000	Disease of heart, Jan. 24, '04.
19804	M. F. Laughlin, Malden, Ill.....	60	Nov.	29,'87	468	2000	Pernicious anemia, Jan. 27, '04.
19805	George C. Swift, Kansas City, Mo.	37	Dec.	25,'01	2002	2000	Accidental injury, Jan. 26, '04.
19806	Chas. H. Campbell, Middleport, O..	35	April	3,'99	6335	2000	Bright's disease, Jan. 24, '04.
19807	James A. Mills, Hickory, Wis.....	21	Oct.	10,'00	3846	2000	Accidental injury, Jan. 26, '04.
19812	George Meadmore, Joliet, Ill.....	39	Sept.	13,'98	112	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 28, '04.
19815	Matthias Numann, Gilman, Ill.....	43	June	24,'95	524	3000	Concussion of brain, Jan. 25,'04.
19816	Anson W. Bennett, Le Roy, Kan..	33	Dec.	27,'99	1869	2000	Consumption, Jan. 26, '04.
19819	John W. Dillon, Greenville, Mich..	45	Sept.	12,'09	3789	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 27, '04.
19822	Charles E. Keller, Kirkville, Ia....	23	June	21,'01	4186	1000	Accidental injury, Jan. 28, '04.
19825	Willard Ward, Cisne, Ill.....	43	Sept.	15,'98	4428	1000	Cong't'n of stomach, Jan. 21,'04.
19828	H. A. Seamans, Lawrence, Kan...	51	Mar.	31,'88	8357	2000	Inflam. of bowels, Jan. 27, '04.
19829	George H. Wunderlich, Joliet, Ill..	46	May	6,'01	2892	2000	Abscess of liver, Jan. 27, '04.
19830	John E. Phillips, Rochester, N. Y.	22	Dec.	11,'03	8450	1000	Scarlet fever, Jan. 28, '04.
19831	Frederick M. Tidd, Canton, O.....	30	April	17,'97	3213	3000	Typhoid fever, Jan. 28, '04.
19832	Wilhelm Karon, Lake Geneva, Wis.	48	May	1,'93	369	3000	Disease of heart, Jan. 29. '04.
19833	Walter A. Miller, Harrisburg, Neb.	23	Nov.	20,'00	2560	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 29, '04.
19834	Charles H. Morlan, Latham, Kan..	35	April	13,'00	4381	1000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 29, '04.
19835	William S. Diller, Diller, Neb.....	31	May	18,'92	1668	1000	Septicemia, Jan. 30, '04.
19836	Edgar M. Williams, Kane, Ill.....	43	May	12,'92	1120	2000	Congestion of brain, Jan. 31,'04.
19838	Andrew Rodeen, Ft. Madison, Ia...	40	Jan.	7,'96	1600	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 22, '04.
19839	Fred C. Beeman, Litchfield, Ill....	49	Aug.	29,'94	352	3000	Nephritis, Jan. 23, '04.
19840	James T. Welch, Spencer, Okla....	31	Dec.	27,'02	10925	2000	Typhoid fever, Jan. 24, '04.
19841	Theo. F. Shannon, Clay City, Ill...	45	May	10,'92	1437	2000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 27, '04.
19844	Joseph Bain, Rockville, Ind.....	49	April	24,'97	3245	2000	Pernicious anemia, Jan. 30, '04.
19845	Albert P. Staples, Libertyville, Ill.	65	April	23,'86	176	3000	Disease of heart, Jan. 30, '04.
19846	James Smith, Union Grove, Wis...	61	July	15,'87	370	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 30, '04.
19847	John W. Picot, Aurora, Ill.....	56	Sept.	14,'88	54	2000	Dilatation of heart, Jan. 30,'04.
19848	J. T. Walker, New Washington, Ind.	36	Dec.	2,'01	4408	1000	Appendicitis, Jan. 31, '04.
19849	John H. Dolan, Durand, Ill.....	34	July	5,'95	69	3000	Meningitis, Feb. 1, '04.
19855	Frank Sharp, Circleville, Kan.....	35	Feb.	25,'97	3136	1000	Pneumonia, Jan. 26, '04.
19858	D. S. Kenaston, Providence, R. I..	47	Aug.	25,'00	8584	1000	Bright's disease, Jan. 29, '04.
19859	John H. Wyss, Franklin, Pa.....	48	Dec.	12,'98	5721	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 30, '04.
19860	Adam Miller, Sterling, Ill.....	42	Oct.	6,'96	12	3000	Killed by cars, Jan. 30, '04.
19862	James B. Ogle, Muncie, Ind.....	47	Sept.	5,'01	4225	1000	Consumption, Jan. 31, '04.
19863	Nicholes Rueth, St. Paul, Minn....	35	June	12,'94	674	2000	Appendicitis, Jan. 31, '04.
19864	Charles W. Norton, Schofield, Wis.	37	May	2,'99	6485	1000	Bright's disease, Feb. 1, '04.
19867	H. H. Wichman, Appleton, Wis...	33	Dec.	6,'98	443	3000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 30, '04.
19868	J. B. Estabrook, Spokane, Wash...	42	Nov.	3,'00	5124	2000	Angina pectoris, Jan. 30, '04.
19869	Luther S. Newcomb, Pomona, Kan.	30	Feb.	22,'99	1784	2000	Suicide by shooting, Jan. 30,'04.
19871	Joseph F. Riddle, Post Oak, Mo...	45	Mar.	22,'99	11202	2000	Pneumonia, Jan. 31, '04.
19872	L. M. Kirschbaum, Batesville, Ind.	43	April	24,'96	3810	2000	Gastric hemorrhage, Feb. 1,'04.
19874	G. R. Williams, Lake Geneva, Wis.	65	June	28,'87	369	3000	Bright's disease, Feb. 2, '04.
19875	James H. Bure, Miami, Mo.....	45	April	26,'02	2527	2000	Tuberculosis, Feb. 2, '04.
19877	Wm. F. Cordell, Edgerton, Kan...	55	Oct.	25,'89	5018	3000	Cancer of stomach, Jan. 7, '04.
19879	John Edmands, McNatt, Mo.....	37	Nov.	27,'01	6690	1000	Disease of heart, Feb. 1, '04.
19881	John H. Pooley, Chicago, Ill.....	60	Dec.	30,'84	3052	2000	Disease of heart, Feb. 2, '04.
19882	Wm. R. Meyer, Peoria, Ill.....	59	Sept.	21,'92	87	2000	Sclerosis of liver, Feb. 3, '04.
19883	Warren B. Pigg, Hallsville, Mo...	44	Mar.	12,'01	4754	2000	Septicemia, Feb. 3, '04.
19884	Samuel A. Hatch, Royalton, Minn..	26	Dec.	16,'03	2688	2000	Peritonitis, Feb. 3, '04.
19885	Peter Nielsen, Irwin, Ia.....	43	Dec.	19,'98	2945	2000	Suicide by hanging, Feb. 4, '04.
19886	Charles R. Smith, Irondale, Mo....	33	May	5,'96	7249	2000	Pleurisy, Feb. 4, '04.
19893	Arch M. Crane, Olathe, Kan.....	49	Aug.	10,'99	893	2000	Pneumonia, Feb. 1, '04.
19894	Dan Cameron, Walkerville, Mont..	42	May	4,'99	6422	3000	Endocarditis, Feb. 1, '04.
19896	C. T. Milbourn, Wilmington, Dela.	38	April	25,'02	7321	2000	Appendicitis, Feb. 2, '04.
19897	Charles L. Martin, Columbus, O...	33	April	24,'03	5995	1000	Typhoid fever, Feb. 2, '04.
19899	A. D. Stewart, Marengo, Ill.....	66	June	29,'86	55	2000	Disease of heart, Feb. 3, '04.
19900	R. E. Lee Kelly, Kansas City, Mo.	40	Aug.	16,'98	2002	3000	Consumption, Feb. 3, '04.
19903	Emil Boodin, Colchester, Ill.....	30	Mar.	21,'01	568	2000	Typhoid fever, Feb. 3, '04.
19904	Edwin Edleman, Lost Nation, Ia...	30	May	9,'98	3728	2000	Diabetes mellitus, Feb. 4, '04.
19905	Gustave Kluge, Akron, O.....	47	Dec.	30,'99	4937	1000	Accidental injury, Feb. 4, '04.
19907	Zephaniah R. Lowell, Agra, Kan..	56	Sept.	26,'02	1779	3000	Paralysis, Jan. 28, '04.
19908	Walter Emery, Campbell Hill, Ill..	38	Dec.	12,'99	7426	1000	Diabetes mellitus, Jan. 29, '04.
19909	B. Alburtis Johnson, Odessa, Mo...	43	April	23,'95	2291	3000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 31, '04.
19912	Rolla May Tooley, Miltonvale, Kan.	38	Feb.	24,'97	3904	2000	Bright's disease, Feb. 4, '04.
19913	Will H. Tanner, Zanesville, O.....	44	Dec.	10,'98	3224	3000	Gastritis, Feb. 4, '04.
19915	Isaac Bown, Fall River, Kan.....	43	Sept.	23,'97	5222	1000	Cancer, Feb. 5, '04.
19916	B. Addison Pierson, Wamego, Kan.	61	Dec.	27,'92	1219	2000	Paralysis, Feb. 5, '04.
19917	Jacob E. Evans, Pattonsburg, Mo..	42	Sept.	27,'98	2149	2000	Softening of brain, Feb. 2, '04.
19926	Martin P. Miller, Washington, Ia..	45	Dec.	30,'99	868	2000	Cereb. hemorrhage, Feb. 6, '04.
19927	John F. Ruyle, Nebo, Ill.....	53	Jan.	23,'91	970	1000	Cereb. hemorrhage, Feb. 6, '04.
19928	Anderson Walrod, De Witt, Ia.....	49	April	15,'97	160	2000	Apoplexy, Feb. 6, '04.
19929	Wm. J. Kennedy, Langdon, Kan...	34	Dec.	14,'98	5937	1000	Abscess of brain, Jan. 31, '04.
19930	Henning N. Johnson, Rockford, Ill.	29	Nov.	3,'99	51	1000	Uremia, Feb. 4, '04.
19931	W. C. Lemman, Battle Creek, Mich.	47	April	24,'99	911	2000	Paresis, Feb. 5, '04.
19933	Charles H. Cook, Middleville, Mich.	52	Feb.	21,'96	3598	2000	Septicemia, Feb. 6, '04.
19935	Chancy Markham, Dalton, Kan....	46	Feb.	10,'00	6287	2000	Accidental injury, Feb. 6, '04.
19936	Joseph E. Peck, Colchester, Ill.....	50	Dec.	11,'94	568	2000	Pneumonia, Feb. 7, '04.
19937	Nicholas Bernart, Fairmont, W. Va.	48	Oct.	30,'99	5473	1000	Tuberculosis, Dec. 27, '03.
19938	Milton E. Dunning, Parker, S. D..	49	Feb.	3,'97	1909	2000	Disease of heart, Jan. 31, '04.
19939	H. W. Gardner, Council Bluffs, Ia..	38	April	30,'99	171	2000	Septicemia, Feb. 3, '04.
19940	Myer Salzenstein, Athens, Ill.....	48	Dec.	5,'99	2696	2000	Nephritis, Feb. 5, '04.
19942	William D. Wade, Plymouth, Ill...	63	July	8,'89	788	2000	Cirrhosis of liver, Feb. 6, '04.
19943	D. H. Painter, Council Grove, Kan.	49	Mar.	8,'88	345	3000	Tuberculosis, Feb. 6, '04.
19945	Chas. A. Mowrey, Providence, R. I.	39	Sept.	17,'02	10904	2000	Pneumonia, Feb. 7, '04.
19946	William Miller, Waterloo, Ia.....	31	Mar.	5,'98	2059	2000	Typhoid fever, Feb. 8, '04.
19947	Edward H. Linn, Piper City, Ill...	28	Mar.	24,'00	718	1000	Pneumonia, Feb. 8, '04.
19948	Joseph L. Blase, Cynthiana, Ind...	42	Dec.	3,'95	3399	3000	Nephritis, Jan. 28, '04.
19950	Herbert R. St. John, Milton, Vt...	32	Oct.	13,'03	8038	1000	Pneumonia, Feb. 2, '04.
19951	W. H. McDougal, Indianapolis, Ind.	33	May	25,'99	5563	1000	Phthisis pulmonalis, Feb. 2,'04.
19954	David D. Ross, Peoria, Ill.....	68	April	14,'85	87	3000	Paresis, Feb. 8, '04.
19955	Harvey O. Eyrse, Etna, Ill.....	45	July	27,'00	4453	2000	Erysipelas, Feb. 8, '04.
19961	Millard F. Harlan, Green City, Mo.	48	Jan.	2,'00	2556	2000	Pneumonia, Feb. 9, '04.
19962	John J. Ferrell, Byron, Okla.....	43	Dec.	8,'00	7350	2000	Encephalitis, Feb. 7, '04.
19968	John Rohr, Centralia, Ill.....	41	Aug.	17,'98	397	1000	Gastralgia, Feb. 9, '04.
19970	Elijah F. Barnett, Keensburg, Ill..	27	June	11,'95	2193	3000	Tuberc'lar laryngitis, Feb. 9,'04.
19977	A. H. Nickell, Joplin, Mo.....	32	Mar.	5,'98	3093	1000	Septicemia, Feb. 5, '04.
19979	Clyde Vergeson, Saginaw, Mich....	24	Aug.	30,'01	915	1000	Accidental injury, Feb. 10, '04.
19980	A. R. Silvey, Murphysboro, Ill.....	45	Nov.	14,'98	4879	3000	Peritonitis, Feb. 10, '04.
19987	Fred C. Shroeder, Everett, Wash...	44	June	18,'02	5385	1000	Bright's disease, Feb. 5, '04.
19989	Thomas McGrath, Ely, Minn.....	42	Nov.	4,'99	4649	2000	Disease of heart, Feb. 8, '04.
20001	J. M. Murphy, Council Bluffs, Ia...	46	July	23,'90	171	3000	Softening of brain, Feb. 13,'04.
20003	Martin L. Nelson, Rosendale, Minn.	25	Jan.	30,'01	3940	1000	Tuberculosis, Jan. 22, '04.
20004	J. W. Closterhouse, G. Rapids, Mich.	47	Mar.	14,'99	2488	2000	Appendicitis, Jan. 28, '04.
20005	Anthony J. Purcell, Shelburne, Vt.	43	Dec.	21,'01	9904	1000	Disease of heart, Feb. 7, '04.
20006	Geo. H. Wicke, Anaconda, Mont...	44	April	29,'01	6039	2000	Disease of heart, Feb. 8, '04.
20008	Frank P. Abner, Newport, Ky.....	40	Nov.	27,'03	11435	1000	Pneumonia, Feb. 12, '04
20011	John Shea, Keyser, W. Va.....	26	Mar.	20,'02	8070	1000	Tuberculosis, Feb. 12, '04.
20012	Wm. R. Hay, Kennett, Mo.....	47	Aug.	5,'99	6705	1000	Pneumonia, Feb. 13, '04.
20013	Ed Moran, Moline, Ill.....	68	Sept.	12,'85	38	2000	Cancer, Feb. 15, '04.

That the proofs in each of the above cases have been duly examined by the Board of Directors, and that each of said claims is found to be a lawful charge against this society.

BENEFIT FUND STATEMENT.

Balance January 14, 1904		$1,323,669 25
Receipts January 15 to February 9, 1904		426,056 05
		$1,749,725 30
Credit claims paid as follows:		
January 19	$505,150 00	
January 25	6,000 00	
February 3	5,000 00	
February 6	280,000 00	
		796,150 00
Balance February 9, 1904		$953,575 30

TO EACH AND ALL NEIGHBORS IN GOOD STANDING: You are hereby notified that under the foregoing notice of levy of assessment No. 197 (Series 1904) you are required to pay to your camp clerk on or before the last day of March, 1904, your one rate of assessment; that in default of so paying a Neighbor under the society's law will STAND SUSPENDED, and that during the period of such suspension his certificate will be NULL AND VOID.

C. W. HAWES, Head Clerk, M. W. of A.

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From Maine.

District Deputy R. F. Clark writes that Maine welcomes with open arms State Deputy A. O. Palmer, and hopes to be able to overcome all obstacles with him as their leader. January 5 Fairfield Camp 10336 celebrated at their hall by presenting a musical and literary program. After the program adjournment was had to another hall where the ladies had prepared a supper. After supper there was a smoke talk, F. E. Brown acting as toastmaster, after which they returned to the hall, where addresses were made by F. E. Libby, G. G. Woods, Attorney P. A. Smith, and District Deputy R. F. Clark. Dresden Camp 10973 on January 6 observed the anniversary with a public installation. Deputy Clark was installing officer. There was a musical and literary program with an address by Deputy Clark, after which an oyster supper was served, followed by a dance. Gardner Camp 7697 filled A. O. U. W. hall on the evening of January 7 in honor of the twenty-first anniversary. There was a musical and literary program with installation of officers by District Deputy H. C. Reed. There were remarks for the good of the order by E. P. Ladd and Deputy Clark, followed by an oyster supper and dance. Una Camp 10264, of North Vassalboro, held a private installation on the evening of January 8, followed by a debate upon "Resolved, Old-line insurance is better than fraternal," Rev. B. J. Seaboyer in the affirmative, deputy R. F. Clark in the negative. Waterville Camp 8465 had a public installation on January 6, the installation being in charge of Judge W. C. Philbrook. The installation was followed by addresses and a banquet. Star Camp 10891, Portland Camp 9860, the camps at Lewiston, at Bridgetown, Biddeford, Springvale, Bangor, Cornish, also held anniversary celebrations. A little over four years ago the first camp was organized in Portland and up to the present time we have had four state deputies. We have had all the changes that must always take place in the districts. We have had the clouds of readjustment, not only of our own but of the A. O. U. W. as